

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Yolo County

California · Woodland · FIPS 06113 · Population 217,141 ·  
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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

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 system. Class A (direct sales only): requires registration with Yolo County Environmental Health, annual renewal, no routine inspection. Class B (direct + retail): requires permit from Yolo County Environmental Health, annual inspection. Both require: food handler safety certificate (within 60 days of opening), sample labels for each unique item, and application fee. Only state-approved low-risk non-TCS foods allowed. Sales cap: Class A ~\$86,206/year; Class B ~\$172,411/year (CPI-adjusted annually). State zoning preemption (GOV §51035) bars local restrictions on cottage food operations.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction in California cottage food statute, though standard GMP practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (California state law (GOV §51035) preempts local zoning restrictions on cottage food operations. Yolo County and municipalities (Woodland, Davis, West Sacramento) may still have general home occupation requirements for business registration. Contact Yolo County Planning or relevant city for home occupation details beyond the cottage food registration/permit.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Conditional (Class A: no routine inspection (registration only). Class B: annual inspection by Yolo County Environmental Health required. Both classes: inspection upon complaint.)

### Home kitchen rules

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| <b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b> | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>           | No explicit state-level pet restriction in California cottage food statute, though standard GMP practices apply.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>WATER SUPPLY</b>               | No specific private water testing requirement for California Class A cottage food operations. Class B permit requirements may include additional documentation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>HANDWASHING</b>                | Food handler safety certificate required (within 60 days of opening for business). Certificate demonstrates food safety training including hygiene.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>FOOD STORAGE</b>               | Only state-approved non-TCS foods allowed. Standard GMP safe storage practices. Products must be non-potentially hazardous.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

### Inspection & permitting

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| <b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>    | Conditional — Class A: no routine inspection (registration only). Class B: annual inspection by Yolo County Environmental Health required. Both classes: inspection upon complaint.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b> | Conditional — California state law (GOV §51035) preempts local zoning restrictions on cottage food operations. Yolo County and municipalities (Woodland, Davis, West Sacramento) may still have general home occupation requirements for business registration. Contact Yolo County Planning or relevant city for home occupation details beyond the cottage food registration/permit. |
| <b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b> | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### Customer-facing rules

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| <b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b> | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>         | Conditional                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b> | Class A: direct sales from home (with appointment), at community events, farmers markets, and online with in-state delivery/shipping. Class B: same plus retail stores and restaurants within California. No out-of-state sales. Event sales (farmers market) may require a separate Temporary Food Facility permit. |
| <b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>   | Only one non-family employee permitted under California cottage food law.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

### Relevant county code

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758; Yolo County Environmental Health Division (cottage food registration); GOV §51035 (zoning preemption)

#### RESEARCH NOTES

High confidence: Yolo County Environmental Health has a dedicated cottage food page confirming Class A/B structure, application requirements, and that EH is regulated by California CDPH. Confirmed directly from [yolocounty.gov](http://yolocounty.gov) official government source. Class A requires no inspection; Class B requires annual inspection. Food handler safety certificate required within 60 days of opening. Temporary Food Facility permit required for event/farmers market sales (separate from cottage food registration). Application fee amount not stated on page but contact EH at 530-666-8646 or [ehealth@yolocounty.gov](mailto:ehealth@yolocounty.gov).

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.yolocounty.gov/government/general-government-departments/community-services/environmental-health-division>

<https://www.yolocounty.gov/government/general-government-departments/community-services/environmental-health-division/consumer-protection-programs/food-programs/cottage-food-operations>

[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO\\_Faq.pdf](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&sectionNum=113758](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=113758)

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

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

## State context — California cottage food law

Yolo 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.

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### 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.

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

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: [https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=113758](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=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](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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