

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# El Dorado County

California · Placerville · FIPS 06017 · Population 191,713 ·  
Crosodo Index #1247\*

## 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.

## How to start — 60-second path

El Dorado County, California — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Yes**

STATE SALES CAP

**Tiered (see notes)**

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Conditional**

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Yes**

INSPECTION

**Conditional**

PETS

**No explicit state-level pet restriction in California cottage food statute.**

### BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under California cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

### LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ California home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

### CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[California label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

## CALIFORNIA: EL DORADO COUNTY

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## El Dorado County

Population 191,713 · State baseline: Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758 · **MEDIUM**

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (California two-tier cottage food system (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758). Class A: registration with El Dorado County Environmental Health; no routine inspection; annual renewal. Class B: permit with annual inspection; allows retail sales. Food handler safety certificate required within 60 days. Only state-approved non-TCS foods. Sales caps: Class A ~\$86,206/year, Class B ~\$172,411/year (CPI-adjusted). State preemption bars local zoning restrictions (GOV §51035). El Dorado County is in the Sierra Nevada foothills east of Sacramento.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state-level pet restriction in California cottage food statute.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (GOV §51035 preempts local zoning for cottage food. El Dorado County and municipalities (Placerville, South Lake Tahoe) may still require general home occupation business registration. Contact El Dorado County Planning Services or relevant city.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

## Home kitchen rules

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## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

No explicit state-level pet restriction in California cottage food statute.

## WATER SUPPLY

No specific private water testing requirement for Class A California cottage food.

## HANDWASHING

Food handler safety certificate required within 60 days; covers handwashing and hygiene.

## FOOD STORAGE

State-approved non-TCS foods only. Standard GMP storage.

## Inspection &amp; 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 from home, at events, farmers markets, online (in-state only). Class B: same plus retail stores and restaurants in California. Event sales may require Temporary Food Facility permit. No out-of-state sales. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Only one non-family employee permitted under California cottage food law.                                                                                                                                                           |

**Relevant county code**

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758; El Dorado County Environmental Health (cottage food registration); GOV §51035

**RESEARCH NOTES**

California state baseline applies. El Dorado County (county seat: Placerville) is in the Sierra Nevada foothills; popular for wine country and outdoor recreation. No El Dorado County-specific cottage food page URL found in input. California CDPH list of local EH contacts shows El Dorado County EH. Registration/permit handled through county Environmental Health Division.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.edcgov.us>

[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 about this county?** Local notes and a place to leave a question: [crosodo.com/nb/california/el-dorado-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/california/el-dorado-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | El Dorado County                                                                                                                               | Placer County                                                                                                                                  | Sacramento County                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No explicit state-level pet restriction in California cottage food statute.                                                                    | No infants or pets allowed in kitchen during food production.                                                                                  | State baseline applies                                                                                                                         |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Class A: direct sales from home, at events, farmers markets, online (in-state only). Class B: same plus retail stores and restaurants in Ca... | 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.                      |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Varies by city                                                                                                                                 |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| RESTRICTIONS               | California two-tier cottage food system (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758). Class A: registration with El Dorado County Environmental Heal... | 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 ... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | State-approved non-TCS foods only. Standard GMP storage.                                                                                       | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only per state-approved CDPH list. Storage in kitchen or dedicated storage room.                                    | State baseline applies                                                                                                                         |
| POPULATION                 | 191,713                                                                                                                                        | 406,608                                                                                                                                        | 1,579,211                                                                                                                                      |

## State context — California cottage food law

El Dorado 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** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: [crosodo.com/states/california](https://crosodo.com/states/california).

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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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**Questions about El Dorado County?** Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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## Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

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##### Advertise here — Courses

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

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#### Your business here

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