

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Sacramento County

California · — · FIPS 06067 · Population 1,579,211 · Crosodo
Index #1673*

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.

How to start — 60-second path

Sacramento 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?

Varies by city

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Conditional

PETS

State baseline applies

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.

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Sacramento County

Population 1,579,211 · State baseline: Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758 · **HIGH****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) administers CFO Class A and Class B registrations/permits. Operators must also comply with any city-specific requirements in the city where the business is located. No MEHKO opt-in confirmed for Sacramento County as of research date — standard CFO program only. CFO applications require a Business License.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies by city (Sacramento County EMD notes that the CFO operator is responsible for any city permits, licenses, or registrations where the business is located — these must be submitted with the CFO application. For unincorporated Sacramento County, no separate county home occupation permit identified for CFOs.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Conditional (Class A: no routine inspection; upon complaint only. Class B: inspection included as part of initial permit and annual renewal (\$513 includes inspection).)

Home kitchen rules**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

State baseline applies

WATER SUPPLY

State baseline applies

HANDWASHING

State baseline applies

FOOD STORAGE

State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct/indirect sales within California only. Permit valid for one location; must apply for new permit if operator moves.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	1 full-time equivalent (state baseline)

Relevant county code

Sacramento County EMD CFO program; Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758

RESEARCH NOTES

Sacramento County EMD requires a Business License to be included with the CFO application. Class A fee: \$297 initial and renewal. Class B fee: \$513 initial and renewal (includes home inspection). Product changes/additions require a separate \$73 request. No MEHKO opt-in confirmed. The application is processed through MyHD portal. Sacramento County processes CFO applications only for locations within the county — operators outside should apply with their own county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dhs.saccounty.gov>

<https://www.saccounty.gov>

<https://emd.saccounty.gov/EH/FoodProtect-RetailFood/Pages/CottageFood.aspx>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/california/sacramento-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Sacramento County	Contra Costa County	San Joaquin County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	Standard sanitation; no specific county guidance found
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct/indirect sales within California only. Permit valid for one location; must apply for new permit if operator moves.	MEHKO: meals for dine-in, take-out, and delivery; MEHKO may also serve as a commissary for permitted food carts. CFO: direct/indirect sales...	Class A: direct sales only (in person, phone, internet; mail/third-party delivery permitted within California). Class B: direct and indirec...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city	Varies by city	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies by city	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) administers CFO Class A and Class B registrations/permits. Operators must also ...	Contra Costa County adopted a MEHKO ordinance (Ordinance 2024-05) approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 20, 2024, effective July 1, ...	San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department administers CFO permits. Class A: \$186 fee, direct sales only, up to current state cap (...)
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	Standard food storage per state approved foods list
POPULATION	1,579,211	1,162,648	779,445

State context — California cottage food law

Sacramento 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** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/california.

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/>

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

crosodo.com/nb/california/sacramento-county-discuss

Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

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SUPPLIES

Advertise here — Supplies

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COURSES

Advertise here — Courses

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LOCAL

Advertise here

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