

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Solano County

California · Fairfield · FIPS 06095 · Population 450,995 ·
Crosodo Index #2800*

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional

STATE SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

Pets prohibited from kitchen during food production.

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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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets prohibited from kitchen during food production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Solano County Environmental Health issues CFO annual registration/permit (Class A ~\$96/yr; Class B ~\$316/yr per 2013 data, current fees may differ — call 707-784-6765). Local city home-based business license also required (e.g., Benicia requires home-based business license in addition to county CFO permit). California state law (GOV §51035) preempts local zoning restrictions on CFOs.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Class A: no inspection required. Class B: inspection required before permit. Inspections may occur upon complaint for both classes.)

Home kitchen rules**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets prohibited from kitchen during food production.

WATER SUPPLY

Standard water supply requirements per Environmental Health.

HANDWASHING

Required per California Food Code.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS, shelf-stable foods only per state-approved list.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Class A: direct to consumer sales only (in-person, online, delivery within California). Class B: may also sell to retail stores and restaurants. Out-of-county sales require permission from other counties. All sales within California.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only one non-family employee permitted under state law.

Relevant county code

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758 (state CFO law); Solano County Environmental Health Food Program (CFO permits).

RESEARCH NOTES

Solano County Environmental Health has a dedicated CFO page confirming Class A and Class B permit structure, annual renewal requirement, and inspection rules. Fee data from 2013 (\$96 Class A, \$316 Class B) — current fees likely higher; call 707-784-6765. MEHKO program also available for full meal service. Local city business license also required (confirmed via 2013 news article about Benicia operator). State preempts local zoning restrictions on CFOs (GOV §51035).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.solanocounty.gov/health>

<https://www.solanocounty.com>

https://app.solanocounty.gov/depts/rm/environmental_health/consumer/food_program/cottage_food_operations.asp

<https://www.solanocounty.gov/government/resource-management/environmental-health/home-based-food-operation>

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO_Faq.pdf

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Solano County	Sonoma County	Marin County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets prohibited from kitchen during food production.	No specific state cottage food pet restriction beyond general sanitation	Not specified by county; state law requires sanitary food preparation area
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct to consumer sales only (in-person, online, delivery within California). Class B: may also sell to retail stores and restaur...	Class A: direct sales at residence, farmers markets, bake sales, farm stands, community events. Class B: adds wholesale to local shops and ...	Class A: direct sales only including online (local delivery/pickup or shipping within CA). Class B: direct + indirect (wholesale to retaile...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Yes	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	California cottage food law (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758) allows Class A (direct sales, annual cap ~\$86,206 as of 2025) and Class B (...)	Class A: direct sales only, ~\$86,206 annual cap, registration with Sonoma County Environmental Health. Class B: direct and indirect sales, ...	Class A (direct sales only, cap \$75,000/year per Marin County EHS). Class B (direct + indirect/wholesale, cap \$150,000/year). Annual permit...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, shelf-stable foods only per state-approved list.	Approved non-potentially hazardous food storage in home kitchen only	Non-TCS CDPH-approved foods only; no refrigerated products
POPULATION	450,995	488,436	260,485

State context — California cottage food law

Solano 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 Solano 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

NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

Advertise here — Supplies

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Advertise here — Insurance

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LOCAL

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