

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Sutter County

California · Yuba City · FIPS 06101 · Population 99,101 ·
Crosodo Index #926*

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

Sutter 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?

No

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

No specific state prohibition for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend keeping pets out of food preparation areas.

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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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (California two-tier cottage food system: Class A (direct sales only, up to ~\$86,206/year as of 2025) and Class B (direct and indirect sales, up to ~\$172,411/year, requires home kitchen inspection). Only CDPH-approved foods list items may be sold. Food safety training required every 3 years. Local environmental health department (Sutter County) handles registration/permits and fees. Local zoning preempted by California GOV §51035.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (California GOV §51035 preempts local zoning restrictions on cottage food operations. No local home occupation permit required for cottage food; Class A/B registration with Sutter County Environmental Health is the applicable local requirement.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Class A: no routine inspection. Class B: home kitchen inspection required before permit issuance; county environmental health may inspect periodically.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific state prohibition for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend keeping pets out of food preparation areas.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water supply requirement for Class A; Class B may involve county environmental health review.

HANDWASHING

Required as part of food safety training and general good manufacturing practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Only non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable approved foods; must prevent contamination and labeling must be accurate.

Inspection & 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 only (home, farmers markets, events, online within California, in-state delivery). Class B: also allows retail stores and restaurants. No interstate sales or out-of-state delivery.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only one non-family employee permitted under California cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Sutter County Environmental Health administers cottage food permits per Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Sutter County-specific cottage food overrides found. Rules follow California state baseline. Sutter County Environmental Health (Yuba City serves as county seat; note Yuba City is in Sutter County) administers Class A and Class B registrations. Fees vary by county; typical range \$50–\$200/year. MEHKO (Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation) program is a separate pathway available in opt-in counties — verify with Sutter County EH whether MEHKO is available. Sales cap CPI-adjusted annually.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.suttercounty.gov>

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

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC§ionNum=113758

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Sutter County	Yuba County	Butte County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend keeping pets out of food preparation areas.	Not specified in state law; kitchen inspection for Class B will evaluate conditions.	No explicit state-level pet restriction in California cottage food statute. Standard GMP practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales only (home, farmers markets, events, online within California, in-state delivery). Class B: also allows retail stores...	Class A: direct sales only to consumers (farmers markets, events, from home, online with in-state shipping). Class B: direct plus indirect ...	Class A: direct sales from home (with appointment), at community events, farmers markets, and online with in-state delivery/shipping. Class...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Conditional	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	California two-tier cottage food system: Class A (direct sales only, up to ~\$86,206/year as of 2025) and Class B (direct and indirect sales...	California two-tier system: Class A (direct sales only, up to ~\$86,206 annual cap as of 2025, CPI-adjusted) and Class B (direct and indirec...	California two-tier cottage food system (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758). Class A (direct sales only): registration with Butte County En...
FOOD STORAGE	Only non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable approved foods; must prevent contamination and labeling must be accurate.	Standard food safety storage; all production/ storage within home kitchen space.	State-approved non-TCS foods only. Standard GMP storage practices.
POPULATION	99,101	81,705	213,605

State context — California cottage food law

Sutter 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 Sutter 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

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