

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Yolo County

California · Woodland · FIPS 06113 · Population 217,141 ·
Crosodo Index #984*

STATE BASELINE

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered (see notes)

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

LAST VERIFIED

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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

Yolo 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, though standard GMP practices apply.

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 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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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

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

WATER SUPPLY

No specific private water testing requirement for California Class A cottage food operations. Class B permit requirements may include additional documentation.

HANDWASHING

Food handler safety certificate required (within 60 days of opening for business). Certificate demonstrates food safety training including hygiene.

FOOD STORAGE

Only state-approved non-TCS foods allowed. Standard GMP safe storage practices. Products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

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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.
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 (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.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	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 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 ehhealth@yolocounty.gov.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.yolocounty.org>

<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://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/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.

STATUTE

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

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.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes (specific course)

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

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 Yolo 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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LOCAL

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