

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Butte County, California?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Conditional**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

SALES CAP

**Tiered**

CALIFORNIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[California permits PDF](#)[California cottage food law page](#)[California Department of Public Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Butte County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

## What you need

Butte County, California. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

### STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

**Tiered**

### HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

**Conditional**

### LOCAL HEALTH

**Conditional**

### BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

### PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

**Yes**

### HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

### HOW THIS PLACE WORKS

**California cottage food is registered at the county.** CDPH does not issue cottage-food permits. Class A registration and Class B permits are handled by the county (or city) environmental health department where you live. If this file only has a county homepage, call Environmental Health and ask for the cottage-food (CFO) page. Class A is registration. Class B is a permit.

Official source: [CDPH Cottage Food Operations](#)

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**California permits PDF →**

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf>

**California cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/california>

**Permit page for this place →**

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/california/butte-county>

**Butte County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/butte-county>

Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

## Where to file

### State

California registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. 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.

California permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf](https://www.crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/california](https://www.crosodo.com/states/california)

California Department of Public Health: [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)

Statute: [Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. GOV §51035 preempts local zoning restrictions for cottage food operations. Butte County and municipalities (Chico, Oroville, Gridley) may still require general home occupation business registration. Contact Butte County Planning or relevant city for any additional home occupation permitting beyond the county Environmental Health cottage food registration.

### Health

Conditional. Class A: no routine inspection (registration only, annual renewal). Class B: annual inspection by Butte County Environmental Health required. Inspection upon complaint for both classes.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

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 in California. Event sales may require Temporary Food Facility permit. No out-of-state sales.

### If you rent a commissary kitchen

**CDPH does not permit commissaries. Counties do.** California cottage food (Class A/B) is county environmental health. A commissary, restaurant, or shared kitchen is a retail food facility under CalCode, also at county environmental health, on a different application than the CFO form.

Official source: [CDPH food safety program](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.buttecounty.net/767/Food-Program>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

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## SOURCES

<https://www.buttecounty.net>

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[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)

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[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)

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<https://www.buttecounty.net>

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## Butte County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Butte County                                                                                                                                   | Sutter County                                                                                                                                   | Yuba County                                                                                                                                     |
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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No explicit state-level pet restriction in California cottage food statute. Standard GMP practices apply.                                      | 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.                                                            |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| 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 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 ...  |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | No                                                                                                                                              | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| RESTRICTIONS               | California two-tier cottage food system (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758). Class A (direct sales only): registration with Butte County En... | 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... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | State-approved non-TCS foods only. Standard GMP storage practices.                                                                             | 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.                                                                |
| POPULATION                 | 213,605                                                                                                                                        | 99,101                                                                                                                                          | 81,705                                                                                                                                          |

## More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

California permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf)

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