

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Colusa County, California?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

True

County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; City of Colusa may require city business license for city-based operations

~~SALES TAX~~**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 Colusa County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Colusa 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

True

LOCAL HEALTH

Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health

BUSINESS LICENSE

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PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

True

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/colusa-county>

Colusa County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/colusa-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

State law page: 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

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

Zoning / home occupation

True. California state law (GOV §51035) preempts local zoning restrictions on cottage food operations. Colusa County Environmental Health processes CFO registrations (Class A) and permits (Class B). Agricultural county in Sacramento Valley; most residences are in unincorporated areas. Contact Colusa County Environmental Health for registration.

Planning: <https://www.colusacounty.ca.gov/publicservices/planning.html>

Health

Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health. Class A - complaint only; Class B - routine annual inspection

Health: <https://www.colusacounty.ca.gov/publicservices/environmentalhealth.html>

Business license

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Pickup / delivery

Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law

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.colusacounty.ca.gov/publicservices/environmentalhealth.html>

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.

SOURCES

<https://www.colusacounty.ca.gov/publicservices/environmentalhealth.html>

<https://www.colusacounty.ca.gov/publicservices/planning.html>

<https://www.colusacounty.ca.gov>

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

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

Colusa County and nearby places

Regulation	Colusa County	Glenn County	Lake County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True	True	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False	False	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	Not specified but standard sanitation expected
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health	Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	True	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales	No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law	Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law	Class A: direct sales from home or at community events within California. Class B: direct and indirect sales through retailers/restaurants ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	True	True	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; City of Colusa may require city business license for city-b...	County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; City of Willows may require city business license	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	Class A (direct sales only): annual self-certification registration with Lake County Environmental Health required. Class B (direct + indir...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous	Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous	Shelf-stable non-PHF products; no acidified or low-acid canned foods
POPULATION	21,811	28,657	68,024

More pages for this place

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

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