

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Humboldt 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

Yes

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 Humboldt County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Humboldt 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

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

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/humboldt-county>

Humboldt County cottage food law page →

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

Conditional. Humboldt County may require local zoning clearance or home occupation permit. State law preempts local zoning for CFOs (Cal. Gov. Code §51035), but local Environmental Health permit is required for Class B. County planning department in Eureka handles land use questions.

Health

Yes. Class B: home kitchen inspection required before permit issued, administered by Humboldt County Environmental Health. Class A: no inspection required.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct sales (home, farmers markets, events, online within CA). Class B: also retail stores and restaurants within California. Interstate sales prohibited.

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://humboldt.gov.org/2684/Licenses-Permits>

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.humboldtcounty.gov>

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

Humboldt County and nearby places

Regulation	Humboldt County	Mendocino County	Siskiyou County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	False
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly prohibited in state statute; local environmental health department may require exclusion of pets from production area during...	No specific state prohibition for cottage food; good manufacturing practices recommend keeping pets out of food preparation areas.	No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales (home, farmers markets, events, online within CA). Class B: also retail stores and restaurants within California. Int...	Class A: direct sales only (home, farmers markets, events, online within California). Class B: also allows retail stores and restaurants. N...	Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	No	True
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; City of Yreka and other incorporated cities may require cit...
RESTRICTIONS	Class A (direct sales only, cap ~\$86,206): no home kitchen inspection required. Class B (direct and indirect sales, cap ~\$172,411): home ki...	California two-tier cottage food system: Class A (direct sales only, ~\$86,206/year cap as of 2025) and Class B (direct and indirect sales, ...	—
FOOD STORAGE	Only state-approved CFO food list items. Non-potentially hazardous only; no refrigeration required for finished products.	Only CDPH-approved non-PHF shelf-stable foods; must prevent contamination.	Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous
POPULATION	136,132	91,145	44,049

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

California cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california

Humboldt County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/humboldt-county