

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Nevada 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 Nevada County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Nevada 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

No

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](#)

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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/nevada-county>

Nevada County cottage food law page →

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

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

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. California state law (GOV §51035) preempts local zoning from restricting cottage food operations. Nevada County Environmental Health administers CFO permits and fees. No home occupation permit specifically required for CFO under state preemption, but Nevada County may have general home business registration requirements.

Health

No. Class A: No routine inspection. Class B: Home kitchen inspection required before permit issuance. Subsequent inspections by Nevada County Environmental Health.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Class A: Direct sales only (online and shipping within California). Class B: Direct and indirect sales (to retailers 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://www.nevadacountyca.gov/2131/Food-Facilities>

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.nevadacounty.gov>

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

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

Nevada County and nearby places

Regulation	Nevada County	Yuba County	Sierra County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	False
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state pet restriction, but local health department may have requirements during kitchen inspection for Class B.	Not specified in state law; kitchen inspection for Class B will evaluate conditions.	No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Conditional	Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	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 only (online and shipping within California). Class B: Direct and indirect sales (to retailers and restaurants) withi...	Class A: direct sales only to consumers (farmers markets, events, from home, online with in-state shipping). Class B: direct plus indirect ...	Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	True
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Conditional	County has no incorporated cities; unincorporated county areas generally do not require a county business license; confirm with Sierra Coun...
RESTRICTIONS	California two-tier system: Class A (direct sales only, ~\$86,206 annual cap as of 2025) and Class B (direct and indirect, ~\$172,411 annual ...	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	Only approved foods list items permitted. Temperature-controlled and perishable foods prohibited. All sales and deliveries must remain with...	Standard food safety storage; all production/ storage within home kitchen space.	Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous
POPULATION	102,322	81,705	2,916

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

Nevada County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/nevada-county