

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

HOME OCCUPATION

**No**

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

## What you need

Sutter 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

**No**

LOCAL HEALTH

**Yes**

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/sutter-county>

**Sutter County cottage food law page →**

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

No. California GOV §51035 preempts local zoning restrictions on cottage food operations. No local home occupation permit required for cottage food; Class A/B registration with Sutter County Environmental Health is the applicable local requirement.

### Health

Yes. Class A: no routine inspection. Class B: home kitchen inspection required before permit issuance; county environmental health may inspect periodically.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct sales only (home, farmers markets, events, online within California, in-state delivery). Class B: also allows retail stores and restaurants. No interstate sales or out-of-state delivery.

### 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.suttercounty.gov>

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.suttercounty.gov>

[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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## Sutter County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Sutter County                                                                                                                                   | Yuba County                                                                                                                                      | Colusa County                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                              | True                                                                                                                                           |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                               | False                                                                                                                                          |
| PETS ALLOWED               | 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.                                                             | No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production                                          |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Yes                                                                                                                                             | 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 (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 ...   | Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law                                                            |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | No                                                                                                                                              | Conditional                                                                                                                                      | True                                                                                                                                           |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Conditional                                                                                                                                      | County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; City of Colusa may require city business license for city-b... |
| RESTRICTIONS               | 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 indirect... | —                                                                                                                                              |
| FOOD STORAGE               | 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.                                                                  | Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous                                      |
| POPULATION                 | 99,101                                                                                                                                          | 81,705                                                                                                                                           | 21,811                                                                                                                                         |

## 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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