

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

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

What you need

Ventura 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

Yes

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/ventura-county>

Ventura County cottage food law page →

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

Yes. State law (Cal. Gov. Code §51035) preempts local zoning restrictions on CFOs. However, for incorporated cities in Ventura County (Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Oxnard, etc.), check with the city's planning department. For unincorporated areas: contact Ventura County Planning Division. The county CFO page does not specify a separate home occupation permit requirement but standard California practice includes zoning verification.

Planning: <https://www.venturacounty.gov/planning>

Health

Conditional. Class B: home kitchen inspection required. Class A: self-certified. Complaint-based thereafter.

Health: <https://www.venturacounty.gov/health>

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct sales via in person, phone, internet; mail/third-party delivery within California. Class B: direct plus indirect (restaurants, markets). \$75,000/\$150,000 annual caps. California only.

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.venturacounty.gov/health>

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.venturacounty.gov/health>

<https://www.venturacounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.ventura.org>

<https://rma.venturacounty.gov/divisions/environmental-health/cottage-home-food-operations/>

Ventura County and nearby places

Regulation	Ventura County	Kern County	Santa Barbara County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Standard sanitation; not specifically stated in county materials	Standard sanitation applies; not specifically addressed in county guidance	Pets prohibited from kitchen during food production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	Conditional	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales via in person, phone, internet; mail/ third-party delivery within California. Class B: direct plus indirect (restauran...	Class A: direct sales only (in person, phone, internet; mail or third-party delivery permitted). Class B: direct and indirect through resta...	Class A: direct-to-consumer only within California (in-person, online, delivery). Class B: direct and indirect sales to retailers/restauran...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Yes	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Ventura County Resource Management Agency (Environmental Health Division) administers CFO permits. Class A (direct sales only, up to \$75,00...	Must be operator's primary residence. Kern County Environmental Health Department administers CFO permits. Class A (direct sales only, up t...	California cottage food law (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758) allows Class A (direct sales, ~\$86,206 annual cap as of 2025) and Class B (...)
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage per state approved foods list	Standard food storage per state Approved Foods List requirements	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only per state-approved list.
POPULATION	842,009	906,883	445,213

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

Ventura County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/ventura-county