

# Agritourism and Retail Food Safety

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# Retail Food Regulations

- California Retail Food Code (Health and Safety Code)
- Local Ordinance

# Types of Retail Food Facilities

- Farm Stands (also U-pick)
- Agricultural Homestays
- Cottage Food Operations
- Microenterprise Home Kitchens
- Host facilities and Catering
- Temporary Food Facilities
- Certified Farmers Markets

# Farm Stands

- Must be on property controlled by the grower
- Produce and shell eggs only are exempt from permitting
- Sampling and prepackaged non-potentially hazardous foods may require a permit.

# Agricultural Homestays

- Limited to 6 guest rooms or 15 people
- Serves meals to guests only and included in the price of the accommodation
- Lodging and meals are incidental to the primary function of the facility
- Located on and is part of a farm as defined

# Cottage Food Operations

- Home prepared
- Class A (direct sales) and Class B (indirect sales)
- Non-potentially hazardous foods
- State approved foods list
- Limited to \$50,000 in gross annual sales

# Microenterprise Home Kitchen

- Dinner or meal service prepared in a home
- 30 meals per day or 60 meals per week
- Limited to \$50,000 in gross annual sales
- New State Law for 2019 and requires jurisdictions to opt in.
- Not currently available in Santa Cruz County

# Host Facility with Catering

- Wineries and Breweries and other sites
- Host Facility provides minimum facilities to “host” caterers to sell food on property
- 4 hour time limit per 12 hours
- Caterer must have a separate permit



# Temporary Food Facility

- Community Events, Certified Farmers Market, Swap Meets
- Food prepared onsite or at an offsite approved facility.
- Enclosed booth

# Certified Farmer's Market

- Certified farmer's only
- One permit for entire market (all certified farmer's)
- Sampling is allowed, but no other food preparation onsite
- Can have a community event adjacent to the C.F.M.

# Steps in the Permitting Process

- Planning/Zoning
  - Can you do the type of activity you want to do?
- Environmental Health
  - Contact jurisdiction for requirements
  - Water and wastewater (septic) – May need additional permits
  - Food facility application (generally include a menu)
  - Inspection and permit issuance
  - Plan review in some cases

# State Agencies

- California Department of Public Health
  - Wholesale, canning/bottling, mail order/internet
- California Department of Food and Agriculture
  - Milk and Dairy

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