



Farm Fresh Eggs

Rules and Regulations for Idaho

Ungraded eggs provided by **small egg producers** that meet the requirements of the Department of Agriculture law and rules will be permitted to be sold without a food establishment permit under certain conditions as described below.

Who is considered a small egg producer?

Idaho shell egg producers having three hundred (300) or fewer hens are effectively exempted from the Department of Agriculture egg inspection regulations and then would fall under the Idaho Code § 37-1523A(2)(f).

What are the labeling and product holding requirements?

Idaho shell egg producers having three hundred (300) or fewer hens may sell ungraded shell eggs produced upon their premises to retailers, provided that each carton or other container:

- Is clearly marked "ungraded"
- Bears the name and address of the Idaho producer
- Is kept refrigerated at 45 degrees F and below
- Includes *Safe Handling* instructions to prevent illness from bacteria: *Keep eggs refrigerated, cook eggs until yolks are firm, and cook foods containing eggs thoroughly.*

Examples of conditions that would make an egg inedible:

- Broken shell or crack in the shell with its contents leaking
- Dirty egg that is broken whether its shell membranes intact and its contents do not leak or do leak
- Black rots
- Yellow rots
- Mixed rots
- Sour eggs
- Eggs with green whites
- Eggs with stuck yolks
- Moldy eggs
- Musty eggs
- Eggs showing blood rings
- Eggs containing embryo chicks (at or beyond the blood ring state)
- Any egg that is adulterated

LABELING REQUIREMENT

Idaho Food Code 3-201.11

(G) Shell eggs that have not been specifically treated to destroy all viable *Salmonellae* shall be labeled to include safe handling instructions as specified in law, including 21 CFR 101.17 (h).

MORE INFORMATION

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