

**Nevada Department of Agriculture**  
Application for Direct Marketing of Poultry Eggs

Questionnaire

There are many levels of oversight when it comes to the sale of farm fresh eggs. Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) regulations describe requirements for grades and labeling of eggs. Health departments typically regulate the safe handling of eggs and may require an additional permit or other licensing for you to sell your eggs. Please contact your local health department for information about these additional requirements.

Producers who want to sell shell eggs (domestic fowl) need to obtain an NDA-issued producer's certificate and must complete the following questionnaire to be submitted with the application for producer certificate. The information contained in this questionnaire will be verified with an on-farm inspection performed by the Nevada Department of Agriculture. If you have questions, please contact NDA in Sparks 775-353-3677.

Please refer to the handouts "*Frequently Asked Questions About Selling Farm Fresh Eggs in Nevada*" and the brochure "*Shell Egg Producer Guidelines*" which can be downloaded from the NDA website at [www.agri.nv.gov](http://www.agri.nv.gov).

**On Farm/Residence:**

1. List the number and breed(s) of birds in your flock.

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2. What do you feed your birds?

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3. How are the birds housed? (free range) (caged) (housed) (free range and housed) (caged and housed) If other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

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3a. Do you plan to collect and sell eggs laid outside of nest boxes, e.g. eggs collected from free range birds that lay eggs somewhere other than designated nest boxes? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

4. How often are eggs collected? (once-a day) (twice-a-day) (more than once-a-day) (less than once-a-day) If other, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Do you record the number of eggs collected each day? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If you answered "No" are you willing to develop a record keeping system that will record the number of eggs collected each day? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

6. What is the average number of eggs you collect each day? \_\_\_\_\_

7. How are the eggs handled? (cleaned and refrigerated) (refrigerated and cleaned at a later time) If other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

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8. If you wash your eggs, what is the temperature of the water used for washing and rinsing the eggs?: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you use a sanitizer to clean eggs?  Yes  No

10. If yes, what do you use and at what concentration? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Where will the eggs be stored? \_\_\_\_\_

12. At what temperature will the eggs be stored? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please refer to the handouts “Frequently Asked Questions About Selling Farm Fresh Eggs in Nevada” and the brochure “Shell Egg Producer Guidelines” to answer the following questions:*

13. The quality grade(s) at which my eggs will be sold is/are: (Grade AA) (Grade A) (Grades AA and A) (Grade B) \_\_\_\_\_

14. Do you candle your eggs?  Yes  No

15. Which method do you use to candle your eggs? (I use the Chart Titled “Summary of US Standards for Quality of individual Shell Eggs” and the use of a candler) (Other)

If other, briefly describe \_\_\_\_\_

**Point of Sale:**

16. Where you plan to sell eggs? (On farm), (Farmers Markets), (Restaurants), (Retail Stores) (Other) in (Clark County), (Washoe County) (Other). If other(s), briefly describe:

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17. How will eggs be sold? (cartons) (open flats) (other) If other, briefly describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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18. Will the containers be:  New  Used.

If used, how will you clean the containers? \_\_\_\_\_

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19. Have you included the “Safe Handling Instructions” on your cartons, flats, or other signage?

Yes  No

20. Is there a “pack date” or “sell by date” on your cartons, flats or other signage?

Yes  No (The sell by date is 30 days from packing, including the packing date)

21. Is the grade (AA) (A) (Both AA and A) shown on the carton, flats or other signage?

Yes  No

22. Is the size of the eggs shown on the carton, flat or other signage?  Yes  No

23. Are your farm name, address and zip code on the label?  Yes  No

24. Do you issue sales receipts include the date of sale and where sold? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Eggs sold at farmer's markets must be maintained between 41- 45 degrees F at the point of sale. If you plan to sell at farmer's markets how will you assure that eggs are kept at that temperature? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Do you maintain records of the following?

Number and type of all birds added to the flock. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Number of birds culled and the reason for the cull. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Illness reports for all sick birds. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Collection data: how many eggs, when collected, number of eggs sold, location of sale (i.e. "Sparks Farmers Market") \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

*This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has been notified of the requirements for grading and sale of eggs in Nevada, and that the above person has responded accurately and truthfully to the statements of this document.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Inspector

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Date

Attach this completed questionnaire to your producer certificate application and fee. Send to:

**Nevada Department of Agriculture**

Attn: Producer Certificate

405 South 21<sup>st</sup> Street

Sparks, NV 89431

Questions?

775-353-3677