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EGG GUIDELINES

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THESE ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO SELL YOUR SHELL EGGS TO THE PUBLIC:

1. No requirements if sold at the farm where eggs are gathered.

You can post a sign outside of your residence "EGGS FOR SALE".

At the very least, eggs should be washed in a 200ppm Chlorine Solution. (1 1/2 tablespoons regular bleach/gallon of water) then rinse and refrigerate at 45°F or less.

2. To Sell at Farmers Markets, Flea Markets, Stores, Restaurants:

a. Complete, sign and mail **Egg Application to Distribute Eggs** and a proof of the label you will use to:

SCDA Food Safety & Compliance
c/o Angie M. Culler or Alicia Attaway
123 Ballard Court
West Columbia, SC 29172
803-737-9700

b. Wash eggs in 200ppm Chlorine Solution (1 tablespoons regular bleach/gallon of water) then rinse.

c. Quickly refrigerate each egg to 45°F. Refrigerating at 40°F would provide a margin of safety.
Shell eggs must be kept under refrigeration at 45°F at all times.

d. Candle (Grade) each egg for blood spots, partially formed chicks, cracks, and to measure air cell. Air cell size determines if eggs are Grade AA, A, B.

e. Size each egg by weight as follows:

| Minimum weight for each dozen | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Jumbo | 30 oz (850g) |
| Extra Large | 27 oz (764g) |
| Large | 24 oz (679g) |
| Medium | 21 oz (594g) |
| Small | 18 oz (509g) |
| Peeweesees | 15 oz (424g) |

f. Cartons must be labeled with: **Business Name, Address, Grade, Size** and either a **packed on date** or an **expiration date**. Expiration is 45 days from packed on date. Although not required, it is advisable to add "Keep Refrigerated at 45°F or below" or similar wording to label.

***Submit label and/or carton (and Egg Application) to Alicia Attaway or Angie Culler at the address above.**

EXAMPLE:

GRADE _____
____ EXTRA LARGE BROWN EGGS – NET WT 27 OZ (764G)
____ LARGE BROWN EGGS – NET WT 24 OZ (679G)
LICENSE NUMBER #####
Packed on XX/XX/2011

Your Farm Name
1234 Your Road
City, State, ZIP
PH: 803/XXX-XXXX

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***Additional Info – Shell Egg Equipment Supplier is 800-624-3688.**