

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EGG LICENSE QUICK GUIDE

South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) regulates the sale of raw, shelled eggs from **chicken, duck, turkey, and guinea fowl.**

A SC Egg License is required by state law to sell raw, shelled eggs at any location other than where the eggs are harvested.

You must complete, sign, and submit a SC Egg License Application and a proof of the label/placard you intend to use to:

**SCDA Food & Feed Safety
Egg Licensing
123 Ballard Court
West Columbia, SC 29172
or to shouston@scda.sc.gov**

A copy of your label or placard must be reviewed by SCDA prior to offering your eggs for sale.

SC Egg License holders are subject to inspection by SCDA. For more information contact Samantha Houston at shouston@scda.sc.gov or visit agriculture.sc.gov/divisions/consumer-protection/foodfeed-safety-compliance/.

SELLING EGGS TO THE PUBLIC

If eggs are sold directly to the end consumer at the farm where the eggs were gathered, these requirements do not apply. The farm is exempt from the SC Egg Law 39-39 et al.

If you intend to offer your eggs for sale to other businesses or at any location other than where the eggs are harvested a SCDA egg license and the below are required:

- Wash eggs in 150 - 200ppm Chlorine Solution (1 tablespoons regular 5% bleach/gallon of water) then rinse.
- Quickly refrigerate each egg to 45°F or below and maintain at all times.
- Candle (Grade) each egg for blood spots, partially formed chicks, cracks, and to measure air cell size. Air cell size determines if the eggs are Grade AA, A, or B. **Eggs that are below U.S. Consumer Grade B cannot be sold to the public.**
- Size each egg by weight as follows:

Minimum weight for each dozen eggs	
• Jumbo	30 oz (850g)
• Extra Large	27 oz (764g)
• Large	24 oz (679g)
• Medium	21 oz (594g)
• Small	18 oz (509g)
• Peewees	15 oz (424g)
- Only new or unused cartons can be used. Cartons cannot bear another producer's or distributor's information.
- Cartons must be labeled with: **Business Name, Address, City, & Zip Code of Packer or Distributor, Grade, Size, and either a Packed-On Date or Expiration Date.** Expiration is 45 days after the packed on date.
- **"Keep Refrigerated at 45° or Below"** or similar wording must be stated on the carton label or on the carton itself.
- Labels must be securely adhered to cartons without the possibility of accidental removal.



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