

## Egg Vendor Checklist

### Temperature Control

- When storing and transporting, the eggs shall always be maintained at or below 45°F ambient temperature until sold to the consumer.
- During all storage and transportation, eggs shall be stored under mechanical refrigeration (in a refrigerator and/or cooler with a/c or d/c power). During transportation, only, the use of dry ice or commercial ice packs may be used, provided there is no leakage or melting. The use of ice or gel packs is prohibited.
- A small NSF approved thermometer shall be kept in the cooler with the eggs to assure that the correct ambient temperature is being maintained at all times.

### Packaging and Labeling

- Eggs should be packed no later than 7 days from the date of lay.
- The egg container or the label on the container shall have the following:
  - 1) name and address of the egg producer;
  - 2) SAFE HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS: To prevent illness from bacteria: keep eggs refrigerated, cook eggs until yolks are firm and cook foods containing eggs thoroughly. (The label statement shall appear prominently and conspicuously, with the words "SAFE HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS" in bold type, on the information panel or principal display panel of the container.);
  - 3) the words, "eggs";
  - 4) the numerical count of the contents; and
  - 5) the date of pack (examples – 1/1/11, 01 /01/11, January 1, 2011, Jan. 1, 2011).
- If egg cartons are to be used that were previously labeled and used by an egg company, all labeling of the previous company shall be obscured or blackened out where this information is not visible to the consumer. No labeling shall indicate that the eggs are graded by U.S.D.A.; therefore, the shield must also be obscured, removed or blackened out.

### Animal Health Requirement

- For any eggs sold off the farm, at another location (farmers market, etc.), the layers shall have NPIP (National Poultry Improvement Program) testing by the Mississippi Board of Animal Health. To schedule testing, contact Betty Roberts by email at BettyR@mdac.state.ms.us or by phone at 601-832-3351. Testing must have occurred prior to receiving "Retail Food Sanitation License-Eggs."

### Licensing Requirements

- Egg vendors must obtain a "Retail Food Sanitation License-Eggs" from the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce by completing the appropriate application and paying the \$10.00 license fee annually. To obtain a license, call (601) 359-1148.
- A copy of the "Retail Food Sanitation License-Eggs" shall be displayed and made available to the purchaser at the location where the eggs will be offered for sale.



MISSISSIPPI FARMERS MARKET



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No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Official Use Only)

## APPLICATION FOR RETAIL FOOD SANITATION LICENSE – EGGS

The undersigned applicant hereby applies for a license to engage in business as a Retail Food Establishment as defined and required by Section 69-1-18 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, for any establishment who engages in business as a retail food establishment. This license is only valid for an egg producer, with 500 or less laying hens or pullets, who offers eggs from his / her own productions for sale off the farm, directly to consumers.

Full Name:		
Physical Address:	City:	State:      Zip:
Mailing Address if Different from above:	City:	State:      Zip:
Telephone No.		County

1. Number of Laying Hens or Pullets in my poultry operation. \_\_\_\_\_
2. National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Number. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Eggs, offered for sale, are from my own Laying Hens or Pullets. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Eggs, offered for sale, are only sold directly to consumers and not for resale, such as a store. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Location(s) where eggs will be offered for sale. \_\_\_\_\_

**The undersigned applicant hereby certifies that all statements, information or schedules attached hereto are hereby made a part of this application and that all statements and information contained herein are true and correct, that applicant will comply with the Regulation, EGG PRODUCERS SELLING "UNCLASSIFIED EGGS" OF THEIR OWN PRODUCTION OFF THE FARM DIRECTLY TO CONSUMERS.**

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENTION:**  
**This completed application and a check or money order, in the amount of \$10.00 payable to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, should be mailed to the address indicated at the top of the front page of this application. Applications that are incomplete and/or the fee is not submitted will not be processed.**

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Full name of applicant (Print Name)

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Applicant's Signature