

Weights, Measures and Consumer Protection

A DIVISION OF THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Requirements for Shell Eggs Sold in Missouri

(Disclaimer: These are excerpts from the Missouri Egg Laws & Regulations publication).

Eggs are defined as eggs in the shell from domesticated chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese or guineas.

A license is not required for those who sell only eggs produced by their own flocks, provided such eggs are not sold at an established place of business away from the premises of such producer.

Retailer's License

A Retailer's license is required of any person who sells eggs to a consumer. A holder of a Retailer's license shall not be permitted or authorized to buy eggs from persons other than licensed Dealers. Any retailer desiring to buy eggs from persons other than licensed Dealers shall obtain a Dealer's license in addition to a Retailer's Egg License.

Limited Retailer's License

A Limited Retailer's license is required of any person who exclusively sells their own produced eggs at farmers market(s) or roadside stands.

Dealer's license

A Dealer's license shall be required of any person who purchases eggs from producers thereof or another dealer, for the purpose of selling such eggs to another dealer, processor, or retailer. Any Dealer desiring to sell eggs to consumers shall obtain a Retailer's license in addition to a Dealer's license.

License Fees (Annual – July 1 – June 30)

Retailer License	\$ 5.00
Limited Retailer's License	\$ 5.00
Dealer's License fees shall be determined on the basis of cases (30 dozen per case) of eggs sold in the shell in any one week, as follows:	
1-25 cases per week	\$ 5.00
26-50 cases per week	\$12.50
51-100 cases per week	\$25.00
More than 100 cases per week	\$50.00

License Year

The license year shall be 12 months or any fraction thereof, for each separate place of business from the director, beginning July 1 and ending June 30. No license shall be transferable, but it may be moved from one place to another by the consent of the director.

Identification of Graded Eggs in Containers

1. Eggs packaged in containers by licensed dealers for supply or sale to retailers must be identified on each container with either the name and address (city and state), or approved identification number of the dealer under whose authority the eggs were packaged and the day, month, and year when said eggs were graded. Example July 1, 1996, or 182-6; July 2, 1996, or 183-6. Only eggs to be sold to any consumer by any person shall be of the quality standard designated Grade and size established by USDA (Example Grade A Large)

Eggs

No person shall sell or represent eggs from any other species of fowl as chicken eggs or sell mixed eggs from more than one species of fowl, eggs from ducks, turkeys, geese, or any other species of fowl other than chickens without marking the container and sub containers of such eggs or otherwise indicating fully by sign or other inscriptions the species of fowl from which such eggs were produced.

Temperature

Temperature for shell eggs shall be held at a maximum temperature of no greater than 45° F.

To obtain a complete copy of Missouri Egg Laws & Regulations, call the Missouri Department of Agriculture, **Division of Weights, Measures & Consumer Protection** at **573-751-5639** or visit their website at agriculture.mo.gov

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