

FROM THE NEBRASKA FOOD CODE

3-202.13. Shell Eggs.

Eggs shall be received clean and sound and may not exceed the restricted egg tolerances for U.S. Consumer Grade B as specified in United States Standards, Grades, and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs, AMS 56.200 et seq., administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service of USDA.

3-602.11. Food Labels.

- (3) An accurate declaration of the quantity of contents;
- (4) The name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor; and

NOTE: this includes the "Egg Number" from NDA. To obtain an egg code number with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, please call 402-471-3422.

3-602.12. Other Forms of Information.

- (A) If required by law, consumer warnings shall be provided.

Example from: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) United States Department of Agriculture:

SAFE HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS: To prevent illness from bacteria: keep eggs refrigerated, cook eggs until yolks are firm, and cook foods containing eggs thoroughly.

FROM THE NEBRASKA PURE FOOD ACT

81-2,270.01. Eggs.

Any person who for remuneration packs and sells, offers for sale, barter, or otherwise provides eggs for human consumption shall comply with all applicable requirements set forth in rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department and shall establish the source of the eggs by labeling the eggs with a packer identification number assigned by the department or the United States Department of Agriculture.

NOTE: USDA does not issue a number if there are less than 3000 hens. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) issues an "Egg Number" for flocks under 3000 hens.

81-2,272.01. Time/temperature control for safety food; temperature; equipment.

- (2) Eggs that have not been treated to destroy all viable Salmonellae shall be stored in refrigerated equipment that maintains an ambient air temperature of forty-five degrees Fahrenheit (seven degrees Celsius) or less.

FROM THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL & PLANT HEALTH PROTECTION

National Poultry Improvement Plan

The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is an industry-state-federal program for the improvement of poultry and poultry products. It establishes standards for the evaluation of poultry breeding stock and hatchery products with respect to freedom from hatchery-disseminated diseases. NPIP has active control programs for Salmonella, Mycoplasma and Avian Influenza.

Who Should Participate in the NPIP Program in Nebraska?

A. Independent Flock Owners of Waterfowl, Exhibition Poultry and Gamebirds:

1. Independent breeding flocks that would like to participate in the NPIP Program are required to sign a participating agreement;
2. Will be tested for pullorum/typhoid annually at these rates:
 - Flock size 1-30 test all;
 - Flock size 31-300 ... test 30;
 - Flock size >300 test 10% up to 300 maximum; and
3. Gamebirds are not addressed in the Nebraska Poultry Disease Control Act. They should be a NPIP participating flock if they are selling hatching eggs or birds interstate.