



## Using Local Eggs in Nebraska Schools

A person may sell eggs of their own raising to \*federal Child Nutrition Programs without a permit as long as the following requirements are met:

- Shell eggs must be clean, graded, and kept refrigerated at 45° F or below. Shell eggs are not required to be pasteurized for use in Child Nutrition Programs.
- Cartons/packing containers must be labeled with the Nebraska Egg Code number, grade, size, packaged date, and name and address of the packer.
  - The Egg Code Number is a registration number provided, at no charge, by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.  
Contact information:  
Nebraska Department of Agriculture  
Food Safety & Consumer Protection  
402-471-3422  
[www.nda.nebraska.gov](http://www.nda.nebraska.gov)
- Liquid, frozen or dried egg products must be USDA inspected, which includes the requirement to be pasteurized and found negative for salmonella before entering commerce.
- As outlined by the FDA Food Code, it is recommended that shell eggs meet at least grade B standards. Information regarding the grade B standards can be found in the [U.S. Standards, Grades, and Weight Class for Shell Eggs](#):
  - [https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Shell\\_Egg\\_Standard%5B1%5D.pdf](https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Shell_Egg_Standard%5B1%5D.pdf)

Refer to USDA Memo SP 01-2016, Procuring Local Meat, Poultry, Game, and Eggs for Child Nutrition Programs:

[https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/cn/SP01\\_CACFP%2001\\_SFSP01-2016os.pdf](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/cn/SP01_CACFP%2001_SFSP01-2016os.pdf)

\* Federal Child Nutrition Programs include National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, and After-School Snacks and Suppers.