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Farmers' Market: Eggs

What are eggs?

The shell egg of the domesticated chicken, turkey, duck, goose, or guinea

Licensing

- A food processing license is required, on the farm, for washing, packaging, and cold holding the eggs. *Exception: If the eggs are produced at a farm licensed as a Wisconsin Dairy Plant per ATCP 70.03(7)(c), then a food processing license is not required.*
- A Dane County Farmers' Market Vendor license or DATCP Mobile Retail license is required at the Farmers' Market (no copies).
- *If only selling in Dane County, a Dane County Farmers' Market Vendor license is required. If selling in multiple counties, only a DATCP Mobile Retail license is required. Operating simultaneously at multiple markets requires a license for each location.*

Labeling

Egg cartons must contain this information:

- Product identity
- Name and address of packer or distributor
- Quantity
- Grade and size or "Ungraded"
- Keep Refrigerated
- Date of Pack
- Expiration /Sell by date (not to exceed 30 days including day of pack)
- If reusing cartons, update information
- Safe Handling Instructions, example:

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

Storage/Display

- Transport egg cartons in clean equipment and vehicles that can maintain the temperature at 45˚F or below
- **Eggs must be stored in an approved unit that will maintain at 41˚F or below**
- The storage unit must have a thermometer to verify the temperature
- Store foods a minimum of 6 inches off the ground
- Overhead protection at the point of sale
- Protect foods from customer contamination

Contacts

Farmers' markets within Dane County:

Public Health-Madison and Dane County
608-243-0330
http://www.publichealthmdc.com/

Food processing licenses and farmers' markets outside of Dane County:

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Division of Food Safety
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http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/index.jsp

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