

Title 35 - Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry

Chapter 37 - Food Safety

Subchapter 1 – Eggs

35:37-1-1. Oklahoma standards

Grades and weight classes for shell eggs shall be those as set forth in the "United States Standards, Grades, and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs," maintained by the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"), Agricultural Marketing Service, Poultry Division, as AMS 56 (2000 Version).

35:37-1-2. Methods of grading

Methods of egg grading shall be the same as those described in USDA "Regulations Governing the Voluntary Grading of Shell Eggs 7 CFR Part 56" (2008 Version).

35:37-1-3. Display of eggs for sale

All eggs offered or displayed for sale to consumers shall be in customary containers. Eggs shall not be offered or displayed for sale to consumers in bulk displays.

35:37-1-4. Improper marking and signs; advertising

Window display signs advertising eggs for sale must be plainly and uniformly marked with the price, grade, and size of the eggs. Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry inspectors are authorized to deface immediately any label or marking on any egg container or display that does not comply with the Oklahoma Egg Law and rules, including any window sign that contains false or misleading information or that fails to include all required information.

35:37-1-5. Display of egg license

Egg packers and dealers shall obtain and display in a prominent place a separate state egg license for each packing plant and each shipping point, as set forth in the Oklahoma Egg Law, Section 10-81.

35:37-1-6. Egg inspection fee permits

(a) Licensed egg packers selling eggs in the state of Oklahoma shall submit reports and remit inspection fees to the Department on a monthly basis.

(b) At the time of license application, small egg packers that pack less than five thousand (5,000) dozen eggs per year shall pre-pay an annual inspection fee in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

35:37-1-7. Samples for inspections

(a) Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry inspectors shall inspect every retail, dealer, and packer location offering eggs and egg products for sale to consumers.

(b) Inspectors shall personally draw samples from each lot of eggs and shall follow USDA shell egg statutes, rules, and handbooks on official grading.