

What is your business model? What is your flock size, type and where will you be selling shell eggs?

***I have 15 chickens and ducks and offer eggs for sale on my farm.***

If you only offer eggs for sale on the premises where they are produced, and the consumer buys them and picks them up at that location, a license is not required for a **producer** to sell nest run eggs. 410 ILCS 615/8 (a)

***I want to sell quail eggs for human consumption.***

Egg Licenses apply to the domesticated chicken, turkey, duck, goose, guinea. 410 ILCS 615/3.13

***I have 50 chickens and I want to sell my eggs at a Farmers Market.***

To sell shell eggs offsite that are only from your farm, you will need a limited license for a producer-dealer, which costs \$15. Please submit an application and a field inspector will contact you to complete the process. See the Producer Guidance Documents for additional information on requirements. \*

***I have a bakery and I want to buy shell eggs from a local distributor. Do I need a license?***

**Manufacturers** of food products who use all eggs purchased in their products such as bakeries, confectioneries, and ice cream manufacturers, etc.; are exempt from licensing. 410 ILCS 615/8(d) Please also check with your local health department.

A license is not required.

***I want to buy eggs from farms in my local community and give them to my Church Pantry to give those in need.***

You will need to be licensed as a grading station, with the necessary equipment to process, pack and label retail egg cartons.\*

***I have a small farm store on my property and I want to sell the eggs from my chickens and quail at my store.***

If the sales are on the premises where the poultry reside and the consumer buys them and picks them up onsite, a license is not required for a **producer**. 410 ILCS 615/8. See also quail above. Please also check with your local health department.

A license is required.

***I have an ice cream shop and I want to use the eggs from my farm at the shop and my local health department says I need an egg license.***

A limited license as a producer-dealer will be required. Please submit an application and a field inspector will contact you to complete the process. See the Producer Guidance Documents for additional information on requirements. \*

***I have a small retail store. Sometimes I purchase eggs from a distributor and sometimes I buy my eggs from another retail store to resale. Do I need a license?***

A **retailer** who buys eggs from licensed distributors or from licensed handlers only, and sells eggs only at retail to the end consumer is exempt from licensing. 410 ILCS 615.8 (g)

You should review the requirements of a retail store for sanitation, records, rotation, refrigeration, advertising, labeling, and packaging. You are not allowed to sell nest run eggs; all eggs must be candled and graded. Please also check with your local health department.

***I have 75 chickens and I also buy eggs from my neighbor. I want to sell the eggs to a local variety store that has locally grown products for sale.***

A Full license as a producer-dealer will be required. Please submit an application and a field inspector will contact you to complete the process. See the Producer Guidance Documents for additional information on requirements.\*

***I want to set up an online store to sell shell eggs for human consumption. Do I require a license?***

A retailer who buys eggs from licensed distributors or from licensed handlers only and sells eggs in a retail sale to the end consumer is exempt from licensing. 410 ILCS 615.8 (g)

Utilizing a virtual retail marketing platform to sell shell eggs that are delivered or shipped to the end consumer is considered a **retail sale off the premises** and therefore all retail sale requirements (wash, grade, candle, refrigerate, new carton and properly label) shall be met. You are not allowed to sell nest run eggs in this manner. Wholesale egg sales require licensing \*

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