

SUBCHAPTER 090 – MARKETING OF SHELL EGGS

SECTION .0100 - DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS

02 NCAC 090 .0101 DEFINITIONS

Words used in this Section in the singular form shall be deemed to impart the plural and vice versa as the case may demand:

- (1) "Inedible" means eggs of the following descriptions: black rots, yellow rots, white rots, mixed rots, sour eggs, eggs with green whites, eggs with stuck yolks, moldy eggs, musty eggs, eggs showing blood rings, and eggs containing embryo chicks (at or beyond the blood ring stage).
- (2) "Leaker" means an individual egg that has a crack or break in the shell.
- (3) "Loss" means an egg:
 - (a) that is inedible, cooked, frozen, contaminated, musty, or moldy;
 - (b) that contains a large blood spot, large meat spot, bloody white, green white, rot, sour eggs, stuck yolk, blood ring, embryo chick (at or beyond the blood ring state), free yolk in the white, or other foreign material; or
 - (c) that is adulterated as such term is defined pursuant to the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 342.
- (4) "Ungraded Eggs" means eggs as collected from the production unit and placed into retail channels without being graded or segregated for quality, soundness of shell, or size; except that checks, dirties, or other obvious defects may have been removed at time of collection.
- (5) "Baluts" means eggs that are fertile and incubated beyond the blood ring stage.
- (6) "Fertile" means an egg capable of developing into an embryo.
- (7) "Organic" means eggs produced in accordance with applicable federal standards for organic product, according to the United States Department of Agriculture's National Organic Program.
- (8) "Free Range" means eggs produced from laying chickens that are "cage free" or have access to a outdoors environment.

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