



SANDERS COUNTY

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Local Eggs Sales at Retail Food Establishments May 2015

Licensed retail food establishments can sell locally produced eggs **IF** the local producer is licensed through the Montana Department of Livestock, Milk and Egg Bureau.

Local producers can contact the Milk and Egg Bureau at 406-444-9761 for licensing procedures. Milk and Egg Bureau representatives will provide the producer with licensing materials, technical guidance, and conduct startup and follow-up facility inspections. The Sanders County Sanitarian will inspect the products at the retail facility to ensure they are properly labeled and the producer maintains a valid Milk and Egg Bureau license.

This guideline was developed in accordance with Montana's *Rules for Retail Food Establishments* and the *FDA 2013 Food Code*, and specifically:

- **3-201.11 Compliance with Food Law.** (A) FOOD shall be obtained from sources that comply with LAW. ^P
- **3-202.11 Temperature.** (C) Raw EGGS shall be received in refrigerated equipment that maintains an ambient air temperature of 7oC (45oF) or less. ^P
- **3-202.13 Eggs.** EGGS shall be received clean and sound and may not exceed the restricted EGG tolerances for U.S. Consumer Grade B as specified in United States Standards, Grades, and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs, AMS 56.200 *et seq.*, administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service of USDA. ^P

^P – Indicates a PRIORITY ITEM, a provision in the Food Code whose application contributes directly to the elimination, prevention or reduction to an acceptable level, hazards associated with foodborne illness or injury and there is no other provision that more directly controls the hazard.