

**CHAPTER 71
GRADES AND STANDARDS**

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Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 71, Grades and Standards, was readopted as R.1988 d.370, effective July 8, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 953(a), 20 N.J.R. 1871(a).

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Subchapter 6, "Jersey Bred" Logo, was adopted as new rules by R.2004 d.6, effective January 5, 2004. See: 35 N.J.R. 3749(a), 36 N.J.R. 169(a).

Subchapter 7, "Jersey Grown" Logo, was adopted as new rules by R.2004 d.201, effective June 7, 2004. See: 36 N.J.R. 626(a), 36 N.J.R. 2715(b).

Subchapter 8, "Jersey Organic" Logo, was adopted as new rules by R.2006 d.412, effective December 4, 2006. See: 38 N.J.R. 2237(a), 38 N.J.R. 4995(a).

Subchapter 9, "Jersey Seafood" Logo, was adopted as new rules by R.2008 d.104, effective April 21, 2008. See: 39 N.J.R. 4887(a), 40 N.J.R. 2105(a).

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SUBCHAPTER 1. NEW JERSEY STANDARDS FOR
QUALITY OF INDIVIDUAL SHELL EGGS**2:71-1.1 through 2:71-1.22 (Reserved)**

Repealed by R.1978 d.402, eff. November 21, 1978.
See: 10 N.J.R. 416(a), 11 N.J.R. 2(b).

2:71-1.23 Marketing of shell eggs

(a) Any eggs which are marketed to consumers, institutional consumers or retailers shall be edible and shall conform to the standards for consumer grades AA, A or B as published in the Federal Register volume 20, number 22, February 1, 1955, part 56 subpart C, known as the Code of Federal Regulations Governing the Grading of Shell Eggs and United States Standards Grades and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs, (7 CFR part 56, subpart C) effective July 1, 1971, and any

further changes in these Federal rules and regulations, after proper promulgation shall be deemed the rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture:

1. Exception: restricted eggs may be marketed in accordance with the exemption provisions in the Federal Egg Products Inspection Act (Public Law 91-597) and the USDA Regulation Governing the Inspection of Eggs and Egg Products (7 CFR Part 59), and any further changes in these Federal rules and regulations, after proper promulgation shall be deemed to be the rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture.

As amended, R.1975 d.358, eff. January 1, 1976.
See: 7 N.J.R. 398(a), 8 N.J.R. 3(a).

2:71-1.24 through 2:71-1.29 (Reserved)

Repealed by R.1978 d.402, eff. November 21, 1978.
See: 10 N.J.R. 416(a), 11 N.J.R. 2(b).

2:71-1.30 Certificates of grade

(a) For the inspection or classification of shell eggs or poultry and the issuance of a certificate of the grade or other classification of such product, the fees and charges for the services of department personnel shall be the same as the current fee schedule of the Agricultural Marketing Service of USDA, as amended, 7 CFR parts 55, 56, 59 and 60.

As amended, R.1970 d.119, eff. October 1, 1970.
See: 2 N.J.R. 69(c), 2 N.J.R. 89(a).
As amended, R.1977 d.339, eff. September 7, 1977.
See: 9 N.J.R. 354(b), 9 N.J.R. 451(b).
As amended, R.1978 d.115, eff. March 30, 1978.
See: 10 N.J.R. 90(a), 10 N.J.R. 182(c).
As amended, R.1978 d.402, eff. November 21, 1978.
See: 10 N.J.R. 416(a), 11 N.J.R. 2(b).

2:71-1.31 Name and address on containers

(a) The name and address of the packer or distributor shall be considered prominently designated on a container of eggs when in bold-faced type not less than 1/16 inch in height.

1. In consumer graded eggs this designation shall be preceded by the words "Produced and Packed by", "Packed and Distributed by", "Packed for and Distributed by", or "Distributed by", whichever is the correct expression of fact.

2. The street address of the packer or distributor need not be shown provided the name is listed in a current public directory.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "consumer graded eggs" are defined to mean eggs offered for sale to consumers at the retail level.

As amended, R.1978 d.402, eff. November 21, 1978.
See: 10 N.J.R. 416(a), 11 N.J.R. 2(b).