

Egg Labeling Fact Sheet

This fact sheet is intended for licensed egg producers and processors in Wisconsin. Below is a summary of egg labeling requirements. See [ATCP 88.34](#) and [ATCP 90](#) for full details.

Egg Label Requirements

1. **Product Identity:** The word “**Eggs.**”
2. **Declaration of Responsibility:** Legal name of manufacturer, **address required.** Include street address, city, state, and ZIP code. The street address may be omitted if it is listed in any readily accessible, well-known, widely published, and publicly available resource, such as a printed directory, electronic database, or website.
3. **Declaration of net quantity:** “**One Dozen, 15 Dozen, or 12, or 30**” on each container and box.
4. **Nutrition Labeling:** Review the following: [Egg Nutrition Facts Labels - American Egg Board](#) (not required if small businesses under 100 employees and less than 100,000 units sold per year).
5. **Grade and Size:** Printed on the principal display panel in letters not less than 3/16 inch high or, if the eggs are not graded, the word “**UNGRADED**” in all capitals in letters at least 1/4 inch high.
6. **Refrigeration Statement:** The words “**KEEP REFRIGERATED**” or an equivalent statement.
7. **Safe Handling Statement:** Exactly as below in a hairline box, using at least 1/16-inch letters.

SAFE HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS: To prevent illness from bacteria: keep eggs refrigerated, cook eggs until yolks are firm, and cook foods containing eggs thoroughly.
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8. **Date of Pack (DOP):** Date on which the eggs were packed. First three letters of the month and the calendar date or numerically consecutive day of the year known as the Julian calendar date.
9. **Expiration/Sell by Date:** May not exceed **30 days**, including the DOP, designated by the first three letters of the month and the date within that month. Include “EXP” or “sell by” and the date.
10. **Use by, Best if used by, or Use Before Date:** May not exceed **45 days**, including the DOP, designated by the first three letters of the month and the date within that month. Include the words, “use by,” “best if used by,” or “use before,” and the date.
11. **Species:** If the eggs are from a bird **other than chicken**, state the species of bird (ex: Duck, Quail, Turkey, etc.)
12. **Non-Chicken Eggs:** There is no grade standard set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Wisconsin for eggs other than chicken eggs. Eggs other than chicken eggs shall be labeled as “UNGRADED”.

A note on reusing cartons: Packing of eggs in used egg cartons shall only be done using clean cartons on which all markings that do not pertain to the eggs being sold, including brand name, USDA shield, date of pack, expiration date, use-by date, quality, and size are obliterated. The information listed above must be displayed on reused cartons.