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# **Egg Farmers of Ontario Policies, Programs & Procedures 2011**

## **SECTION 2: Interpretations/Definitions**



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<b>TERM</b>	<b>Interpretation/Definition</b>
AAFC	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – federal government department responsible for all matters relating to agriculture
Allocation	The number of laying hens that provincial boards are authorized by EFC to allot as quota to its producers
Barn Density	The number of birds allowed per barn
Bio Security Measures	Process to provide protection from biological contaminants such as bacteria and viruses
Birds	Laying hens
Board	Egg Farmers of Ontario Board of Directors
Box	A container which holds 15 dozen eggs. A box is the unit of measure used in the Canadian egg industry
Breaker	A person, or company, in the business of processing shell eggs, registered with AAFC under the Canadian Processed Egg Regulations
Buyback	EFC buyback value is equal to the lesser of: provincial price + 4 cents per dozen, <b>or</b> provincial cost of production + 4 cents per dozen
Cage Measurement	The [interior] cage is measured - inside interior length times interior width of the floor space
Case	A container which holds 30 dozen eggs. This term is the most commonly used unit of measure in the US egg industry
Chicks for Placement	Syn: pullet; female chicken 19 weeks of age or less raised to lay eggs
Chick Placements	The number of one-day-old chicks [female egg type] placed in pullet growers facilities to raise to pullets
Commodity Board	Egg Farmers of Ontario, constituted under the Farm Products Marketing Act
Cost of Production Formula - COP	A survey based calculation to derive the costs [by component] of producing marketable shell eggs in each province of Canada
Day Old Chicks	Pullet quota holders are expected to have the appropriate number of pullet quota, as per day old placements
Dyed Eggs	Industrial shell eggs that have been marked by grading stations with a CFIA approved edible dye to distinguish them from Grace A table eggs
EFC	Egg Farmers of Canada
EFO	Egg Farmers of Ontario is an independent, self-governing marketing board. EFO is not a government body or department; EFO is funded entirely by egg farmers
Eggs	Eggs of a domestic hen produced in Ontario other than hatching eggs
Egg Dealer	A person who is licensed by EFO under the Farm Products Marketing Act to receive ungraded eggs from a producer and to assemble, pack, sell, offer for sale, ship and transport the eggs
Eggs for Processing – EFP	Eggs/birds allocated to supply domestic processors with eggs directly through provincial programs
Egg Grading Station	A registered egg station, as defined in the Federal Egg Regulations made under the Canadian Agricultural Products Act



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Farm Gate Sales	An egg sale transaction that takes place right at the farm - where the eggs are produced on the producer's own farm, are clean and not leaking and are sold or offered for sale only on the farm premises to consumers for their own consumption
Federal Egg Regulation	The Egg Regulations [Canada] made under the Canada Agricultural Products Act
For Further Processing -FFP	Eggs which do not meet the pre-grade standards, and require further processing
Farmer	A producer – a person engaged in the production of chicks for placement, eggs, hatching eggs or fowl
Fowl	A domestic hen more than 19 weeks of age
Free Range	A production system where hens have access to the outdoors
Free Run	A production system where hens can roam free inside a laying house. These systems are often equipped with slatted floors, perches, and automated egg collection with occasional manure removal
Graded Product	Eggs that have been classified by weight and interior/exterior quality – XL, L, M, SM, PW, B, C, and NR
Grade A Eggs	The most commonly merchandised consumer grade of eggs
Grade B Eggs	May be used for baking or the production of processed egg products
Grade C Eggs	Used in the production of processed egg products – not a consumer grade
Grading Station	Syn: – Grader: a station at which eggs are inspected, graded, packed, marketed
Flock Placement	The number of hens placed in the laying barn at the start of the lay cycle [19 weeks of age]
HACCP	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point [HACCP] HACCP is an internationally recognized method of identifying hazards to food safety and analyzing the critical points at which those hazards can be controlled
HACCP Certified	Farmers who have been audited and passed EFO's HACCP guidelines
Hen – laying hen	A mature pullet [female chicken] that is laying eggs; 19 weeks of age or older
Hens Housed	The number of hens placed in the laying barn at the start of the lay cycle [19 weeks of age]
Housing Density	The number of birds allowed per cage based on the Recommended Code of Practice
In Good Standing	To be in good standing a producer must be in conformity with all EFO Regulations, Policies, Orders, and Directions, including housing density. Producers must have all the paperwork filed at the EFO office as outlined in the EFO General Regulations; and be up-to-date with all licence fees, levies and any other amounts owing to EFO and EFC
Independent Pullet Producer	A pullet quota holder who is not an egg quota holder
Industrial Product	Product declared to EFC by provincial Boards on a weekly basis that is in excess to table market requirements within the province
Intraprovincial Movement	The transport of shell eggs within a province



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Interprovincial Movement	The transport of shell eggs between provinces
Inventory	Total allowable birds in the barn on any given day
Issuance	Bird quota which a provincial board has fixed and allotted to its producers
Laying hens	Fowl
Leakers [rejects]	Eggs that have a crack or break in the shell and membranes to the extent that the egg contents are exposed or are exuding or free to exude through the shell
Levy and Licence Fee	Each producer pays a fee or levy on every dozen eggs sold and these funds are used to support the activities of the Ontario and Canadian egg system. Under the Commodity Boards & Marketing Agency Act, EFO has the authority to fix and impose levies and to collect them from persons engaged in the production of eggs in Ontario
Local Board	Egg Farmers of Ontario
Marketings	[Syn: – gradings] Graded product, reported weekly by size/grade – in boxes. Gradings are classified as XL, L, M, S, PeeWee, B&C's
Moulting	A naturally occurring life-cycle change that occurs to hens during the fall. The reproductive system shuts down and the birds often lose feathers. It lasts about 6 weeks. Moulting can be artificially induced by controlling day length [lighting] and restricting feed intake.
Non Quota Producer	A producer that has been exempted from the requirement to hold quota - a producer with generally less than 100 hens
OMAFRA	Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs
Organic	A method of production, which maintains as much as possible the natural state of production
Organic egg production	An egg production system in which hens are typically fed a diet of organic feed, grown without hormones and antibiotics and in free range conditions. To carry the label 'certified organic' production must be certified by an independent third party, adhering to the minimum standards set by the National Standard for Organic Agriculture
Processed Product	Eggs altered from the original raw shell form: liquid, frozen, dried [whole or parts]
Producer	A person engaged in the production of chicks for placement, eggs, hatching eggs or fowl
Producer/Grader	Any producer who produces, grades and markets, offers for sale, sells, stores or transports all or any portion of eggs produced by that person
Producer Prices	Farm gate value of eggs received by producers for all grades and sizes they produce. These prices are set by the provincial Boards
Pullet	Syn: chicks-for-placement: female chicken 19 weeks of age or less raised to lay eggs
Quota	Egg Quota: a quota for producing and a quota for marketing the maximum number of eggs that the quota holder is entitled to market; Fowl Quota: a quota for possessing the maximum number of fowl that the quota holder is entitled to possess; Pullet Quota: a quota for the production of pullets
Quota Holder	A producer to whom a quota has been fixed and allotted



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Reject Egg	An egg that has been examined at a grading station and determined not to meet the requirements for any grade designation under the Federal Egg Regulation
S.e.	Salmonella enteritidis
Quota Utilization	The ratio of provincial inventory to EFC's allocation to a province. Cannot exceed 97% utilization rate except for NB, PEI & NF which can utilize 100% of its allocation
Regulated or Registered	Hens, eggs, or producers that fall under the national domestic quota allocation and monitoring program
Research flock	A flock maintained for the purpose of conducting research efforts of value to the industry i.e.: genetic advancement, pharmaceutical production etc
Salmonella enteritidis	A specific kind of salmonella bacteria belonging to Group D which can be transferred from a hen's ovary to the inside of an egg and can cause illness
Special Presentation	A Special Presentation involves a producer requesting special individual consideration of the Board's Policies or Regulations. Requests to conduct transactions that appear to contravene the intent of EFO's Policies will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and may be denied.
Spent Hen	A breeder or commercial type egg hen that no longer performs at desired production levels – typically after 72 weeks of age
Supply Management	A system of orderly marketing that confers the ability to establish production and quotas through legislative authority
Table Disappearance	A weekly estimate of consumer shell egg purchases, derived from domestic Grade A supply, nest-run product, Grade A imports and sales to breakers
Tray	2.5 dozen eggs – packaged in plastic or fibre
Transfer	A change in the allottees of quota including a sale or purchase of quota
Prorate	To calculate or distribute proportionally
Ungraded eggs	Eggs that have not been examined or graded at an egg-grading station under the Federal Egg Regulation; sized or classified by grade
Urner Barry Price	The US price quota for Central US 48-50 lb / case nest-run breaking stock that is used to determine Canadian breaker prices
Value Added Product	Term used when a product has value added to it through progressive stages of processing