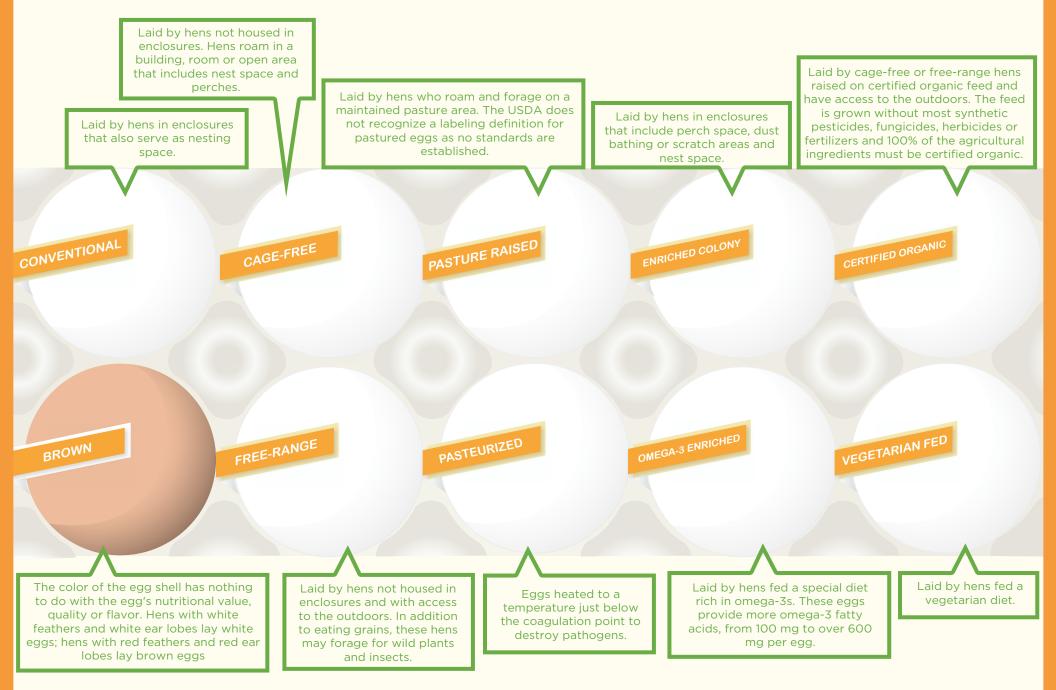
## **CRACKING # EGG CODE**



## COMMON TERMS ON EGG CARTONS



INDICATES EGGS HAVE COME FROM FACILITIES THAT MEET PRECISE. OBJECTIVE STANDARDS FOR FARM ANIMAL TREATMENT ACCORDING TO THE HUMANE FARM ANIMAL CARE ORGANIZATION.



INDICATES EGGS ORIGINATE FROM FARMS DEDICATED TO FOLLOWING RESPONSIBLE. SCIENCE-BASED FARMING METHODS DESIGNED TO ENSURE OPTIMAL HEN WELFARE.



THIS VOLUNTARY PROGRAM PROVIDES A NATIONAL GRADING SERVICE BASED ON OFFICIAL U.S. STANDARDS, GRADES AND WEIGHT CLASSES FOR SHELL EGGS.



INDICATES FARMS HAVE PASSED A 3RD PARTY AUDIT/CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FROM THE AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION SUPPORTING THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS.



VERIFIES THAT THE FARM OR HANDLING FACILITY LOCATED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD COMPLIES WITH THE USDA ORGANIC REGULATIONS.



ACCORDING TO THE USDA. EGGS IN THEIR SHELLS ARE NOT A GENETICALLY MODIFIED (GM) FOOD. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ALSO HAS CONFIRMED THAT NONE OF THE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED MATERIALS THAT MAY APPEAR IN SOME HEN FEED ARE PASSED INTO THE EGG.



IN GENERAL EGGS ARE ANTIBIOTIC-FREE BECAUSE ANTIBIOTICS ARE NOT USED ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS IN THE EGG INDUSTRY. WHILE ANTIBIOTICS MAY BE USED FOR HEN HEALTH IN ACCORDANCE TO FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) REGULATIONS, THE PROBABILITY OF ANTIBIOTIC RESIDUE BEING PRESENT IN EGGS IS EXTREMELY LOW BECAUSE HENS BEING TREATED FOR SICKNESS RARELY PRODUCE EGGS AND/OR THEIR EGG PRODUCTION IS LIKELY TO SEVERELY DECREASE.



NO HORMONES ARE EVER GIVEN TO EGG LAYING HENS. ALL EGGS PRODUCED IN THE U.S. ARE ALL-NATURAL AND DO NOT CONTAIN ADDED HORMONES.

## GATHERING A FRESH PERSPECTIVE



Starting with January 1 as 001 and ending with December 31 as 365. this number system may be used on some egg cartons to track the day the eggs are packed. Eggs can be stored in their cartons in the refrigerator for four to five weeks beyond this date.



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