

Certificate of Laying Hens Exemption Form

**You must notify American Egg Board (AEB)
if your layer numbers go above the exemption limit**

Important Notice: Each handler receiving such certification form shall within 30 days forward a copy to: American Egg Board; Address, City, State, and Zip. If the exempt producer becomes subject to assessment pursuant to §1250.14 of the Rules and Regulations, he shall notify all handlers with whom he has filed a certificate of exemption during the past 12 months.

ATTN: Handlers...

This form must be filed at the time of initial registration and annually thereafter as long as you, the handler, continue to purchase and/or handle eggs only from exempt producers as described in section 1250.514 of the Rules and Regulations implementing the Egg Research and Promotion Order.

ATTN: Producers...

This form also serves as a certification form that shall be filed with each handler within 10 days after the first sale of eggs to such handler after August 1, 1976, and annually thereafter on or before January 1, as long as the producer continues to do business.

Who is exempt? You must comply with one of these options: (Check one)

- I handle eggs only from producers with 75,000 layers or less. **(Exemptions from those producers must be submitted with your form).**
- I am a combined producer/handler. I have 75,000 birds or less and I process only my own eggs.
- I am a producer only (I do not wash, grade, or carton eggs). My *aggregate* number of laying hens at any time during the three consecutive-month period immediately prior to the month in which assessments are due and payable has not exceeded 75,000 laying hens. **(Note: You must state below to whom you're selling eggs.)**
- I am a producer claiming exemption because my eggs are from a flock of breeding hens, whose egg production is primarily utilized for the hatching of baby chicks.

List handler of the eggs (must be completed)		Producer applying for exemption	
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
City, St, Zip:		City, St, Zip:	
Phone:	Fax:	Phone:	Fax:
Email:		Email:	

Certification Statement

I certify that at the signing of this statement and for the signed date that the above statement is true.

Signature

Title

Date

Flock Information

You must complete this information as part of your exemption request. Fill in lines for your average flock size and the number of eggs produced during the past 3 months. This information is needed to support your claim.

Average number of layers during the past 12 months _____

30 dozen cases of eggs produced during the past 3 months. _____

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Return this form to: American Egg Board
8755 W. Higgins Rd, Ste 300
Chicago, IL 60631
Phone # 847.296.7043

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