



# NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED Eggs Application

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The New York State Certified program makes it easy for consumers to identify local, safely handled, and environmentally responsible agricultural products. This voluntary program is a cooperative effort among producers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, restaurants, and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to meet consumer demand for high-quality food and agricultural products.

Egg producers are eligible to participate in New York State Certified if they adhere to best practices in food handling and operate in an environmentally responsible manner as described in the Program Requirements. Upon acceptance to the New York State Certified program and submission of a signed trademark licensing agreement, program participants will be able to display a new high-impact label that will clearly stand out and tell the consuming public their food handling practices are audited and certified and they operate their farms in an environmentally responsible manner.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- **Applicability.** Egg operations must certify that all eggs in New York State Certified are from hens in New York State and are Grade A;
- **Safe Food Handling.** All hens at the laying operation must be vaccinated for salmonella enteritis; and if a separate grading/packaging location is involved, the packaging location must provide documentation demonstrating participation in a third-party food safety or safe egg-handling program that involves an annual on-site audit; and
- **Environmental Stewardship.** The egg-laying operation must be on a farm that participates in the New York State Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program, administered by the Department of Agriculture and Markets, with the completion of Tier 2 of the program, or higher, within three years of admission into the New York State Certified program.

## SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FARM NAME/DBA (IF DIFFERENT FROM BUSINESS NAME) \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON(S) \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ ACRES OF LAND \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of your business and/or products for potential buyers/customers. This information will be listed on [agriculture.ny.gov](http://agriculture.ny.gov) to help promote your farm/business. *(Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)*

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**Methods of Sale for Eggs:**

- On-Farm Sales       Wholesale       Retail
- New York State Farmers Market \_\_\_\_\_
- Community-Based Farmers Market/Local Market \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2: REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

**Self-Certification That All Hens Are From New York State Farms**

Provide letter or other document indicating that all eggs that will be New York State Certified are from hens in New York State and are Grade A.

**On-Farm Safe Food Handling Documentation**

Provide a document verifying all hens are vaccinated for salmonella enteritis.

**If Applicable, Packing House Safe Food Handling Participation Documentation**

Include a copy of the document demonstrating successful participation in a third-party food safety or safe egg-handling program that includes an annual on-site audit. Copy of certificate or letter of successful completion is sufficient.

**Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Participation**

Please attach a copy of your most recent AEM Summary Rating Sheet of Tier 2 or Environmental Stewardship Verification Cover Form, dated within the past three years. To obtain a copy, contact your county Soil and Water Conservation District.

**Trademark Licensing Agreement**

A signed licensing agreement must be on file with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets prior to use of the trademarked logos or slogans. Any unapproved use of these materials may result in liability under federal trademark laws.

## SECTION 3: TERMS AND AGREEMENTS

I understand that any false statement made in this application, in addition to being the possible basis for termination of participation in the New York State Certified program and the Trademark Licensing Agreement, may be punishable under the provisions of Section 210.45 of the Penal Law of the State of New York.

I understand that as a participant in the New York State Certified program, my business will be identified as a program participant on the New York State Certified website unless I notify the department in writing that I do not want the business identified on the site.

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SIGNATURE

DATE

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION  
TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

**New York State Department of Agriculture  
ATTN: Division of Agricultural Development  
10B Airline Drive  
Albany, NY 12235  
NYS Certified@agriculture.ny.gov**