



NEW YORK STATE GROWN & CERTIFIED Egg Application

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The New York State Grown & 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 Grown & 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 Grown & 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, telling the consumer 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 NYS Certified are from hens in NYS and are Grade A;
- **Safe Food Handling.** All hens at the laying operation must be vaccinated for salmonella enteritis;
- **Environmental Stewardship.** The egg laying operation is on a farm that participates in the NYS Agricultural Environmental Management program, (AEM), administered by the Department of Agriculture and Markets, with the completion of Tier 2 of the program, or higher, dated within three years.

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

BUSINESS NAME _____

FARM NAME/DBA(if different from business name) _____

CONTACT PERSON(S)	TITLE		
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BUSINESS ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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PHONE NUMBER(S)	COUNTY	ACRES OF LAND
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MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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EMAIL	WEBSITE
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Please provide a brief description of your business and/or products for potential buyers/customers. This information will be listed on agriculture.ny.gov to help promote your farm/business. *(Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)*

Methods of Sale for Eggs:

- On-Farm Sale Retail Wholesale _____
- NY State Farmers Market
- Community-Based Farmers Market/Local Market _____

SECTION 2: REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Self-certification that all hens are from NYS Farms
Provide letter or other document indicating that all eggs that will be NYS Certified are from hens in NYS 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
If a separate grading/packaging location is involved, the packaging location must provide documentation of participation in a third party food safety or safe egg handling program that involves 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 NYS Certified 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 Grown & 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 Grown & Certified program, my business will be identified as a program participant on the New York State Grown & Certified website unless I notify the department in writing that I do not want the business identified on the site.

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
NYSGrownandCertified@agriculture.ny.gov