

The Small Lot PROGRAM

The **Small Lot Program** is for unregistered producers who keep between 100 and 399 laying hens that produce organic eggs, heritage-breed eggs, free-range eggs or free-run eggs. Small Lot Producers are required to follow standards for food safety and biosecurity as described in the *BC Egg Small Lot Producer Guidelines*.

Producers may sell ungraded eggs directly to end users (those who will actually be eating the eggs). These sales can be made through farm gate sales at producers' premises or at farmers markets. Ungraded eggs must meet the following requirements:

1. The eggs must be produced on the producer's own farm.
2. The eggs must be clean without any visible cracks or leaks.
3. The eggs must be kept at 4 degrees Celsius until they leave the producer's possession.
4. The eggs must be packed in clean cartons that are marked as "Ungraded" in letters at least two centimetres high.
5. The cartons should also include the name of the farm/producer and the packaging date.

Small Lot Producers are not permitted to sell ungraded eggs to food retail establishments or food service operations. Food retail establishments include grocery stores, convenience stores and other retailers that sell food and beverages directly to consumers. Food service operations include businesses and non-profit organizations such as restaurants, institutions, hotels and caterers that provide food and beverage services directly to consumers. Eggs sold to these types of organizations must be graded through a Registered Shell Egg Station. Small Lot Producers cannot sell eggs to a Registered Shell Egg Station.

The Small Lot Producer application fee is \$250.
The annual renewal fee is \$250.

Small Lot Permit Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name(s)

EGG PRODUCTION UNIT ADDRESS:

House No./Street:

City/Town:

Province: Postal Code:

Tel: Fax:

Email:

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE):

House No./Street:

City/Town:

Province: Postal Code:

Office Use Only:
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BCEMB APPROVAL:
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In order to be eligible for a Small Lot Permit, you must be at least nineteen years of age and you cannot be a holder of Layer Quota. If you have a spouse, your spouse cannot be a holder of Layer Quota.

Accordingly, the Board requires you complete the following questionnaire:

- I currently house layers
- I am at least 19 years of age.
- I do not hold Layer Quota (APPLICANT'S INITIALS)
- My spouse does not hold Layer Quota (SPOUSE'S INITIALS OR N/A)
- I understand that I will be responsible for marketing my own eggs
- I understand that I will be registered with the provincial Premises Identification Program.

Production Type:

- Free Run Free Range
- Organic Heritage Breed

Number of Birds requested under

Small Lot Permit (100 - 399): Birds

Date Signature

As holder of a **Small Lot Permit**, I agree to be bound by and to comply with the Consolidated Order and all Orders of the BC Egg Marketing Board. I also understand that by signing this application form I will comply with the BC Egg Small Lot Producer Guidelines.

- ▶ Please mail completed application and payment of \$250.00 to the BC Egg office at:
Unit 250, 32160 South Fraser Way,
Abbotsford, BC V2T 1W5

This application is required to be notarized confirming the above information is true and correct. ▼