

Certificate of Laying Hens Exemption Form American Egg Board

This report must be filled out correctly and completely. The information requested is required to make a determination concerning a producer's eligibility for exemption as specified by §1250.348. Failure to report can result in a fine. Information provided in this report is held confidential under §1250.341. Any false statements or misrepresentation may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both (18 U.S.C. §1001).

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| Producer Company Name | | Flock Owner If Different | |
| Authorized Officer Name | | Phone | |
| Mailing Address | | Email | |
| City, State, Zip | | Fax | |
| Flock Owner Tax ID | | | |

Reason for claiming exemption status:

I am an egg producer owning a flock of breeding hens whose production of eggs is primarily utilized for the hatching of baby chicks.

I am an egg producer whose **aggregate** number of laying hens at any time during a 3-month consecutive period immediately prior to the date assessments are due and payable has not exceeded 75,000 laying hens.

The **aggregate** number of laying hens owned by a trust or other type of entity shall be considered ownership by the beneficiaries whose ownership is 50 percent or more in that trust or other type of entity.

New collecting handlers shall register with AEB **within 30 days** following the beginning of operations.

Producer's who qualify for exemption, must submit this form to each collecting handler annually on or before January 1, as long as the producer continues to do business with the collecting handler. A copy of this Certificate of Exemption shall be forwarded to AEB by the collecting handler **within 80 days** of receipt from the producer.

If the exempt producer no longer qualifies for an exemption as specified in §1250.348 or §1250.530, that producer shall notify, **within 10 days**, all handlers with whom the producer has filed the Certificate of Exemption including AEB.

This information is required for exemption status determination:

Aggregate number of laying hens for the last 3-month consecutive period: Month 1: _____; Month 2: _____; Month 3: _____

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify, under the penalties provided by law, that the information provided in this report are true, correct and complete . I also certify that I am authorized to sign this form.

Signature

Title

Date

Collecting Handler Information

Handler ID _____

Company Name _____

Handler Contact _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Return form to:

American Egg Board
ATTN: Assessments
Street
Suite #
City, State, & Zip

Phone: (847) 296-7043

Fax: (847) 296-7007

Please include the farm address if different than the mailing address.

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