

Limited Poultry and Egg Farm Operation



Limited Poultry and Egg (LPE) Farm Operation

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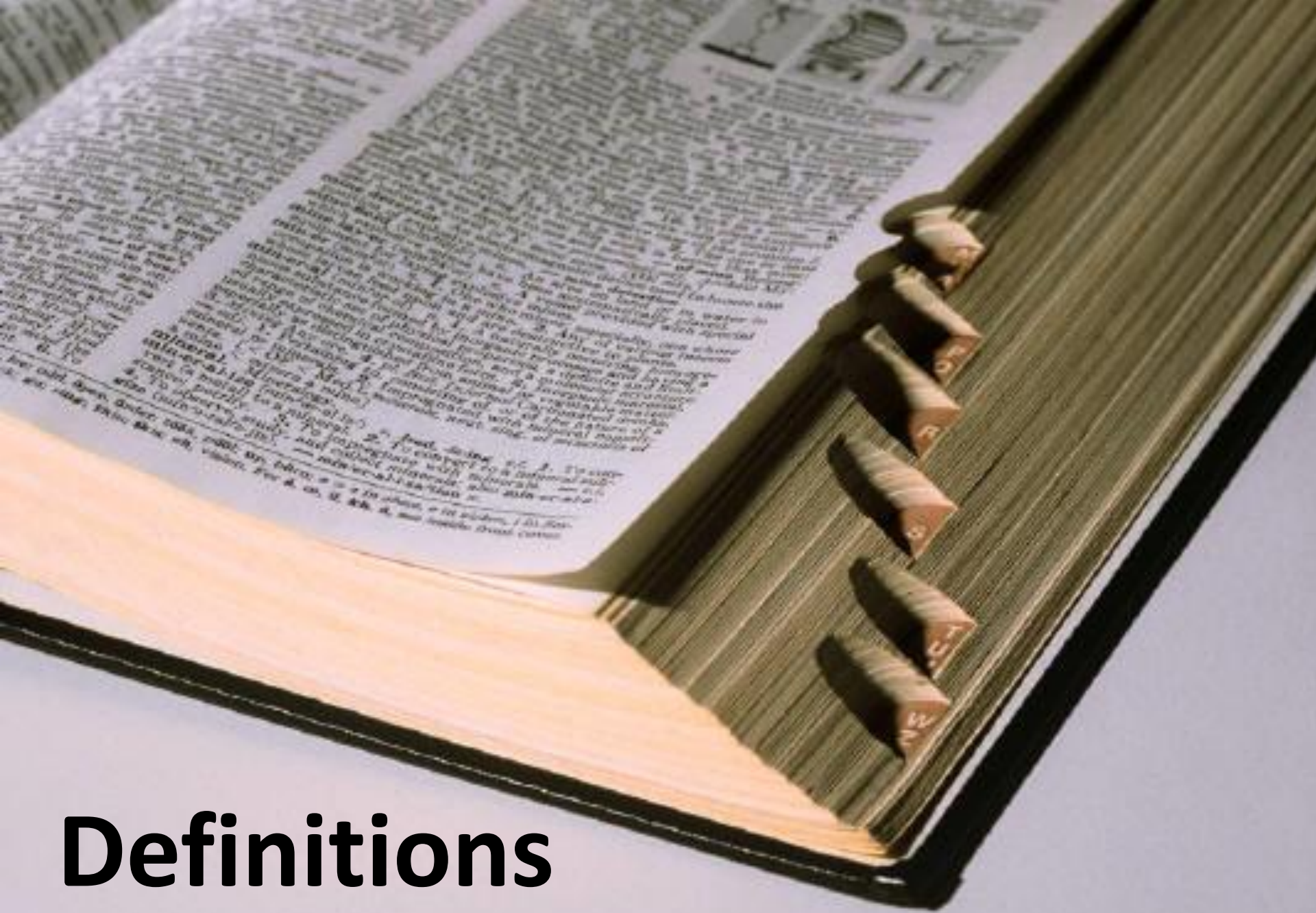


Enabling Legislation



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- 2010 – House Bill 5001
- Division of Food Safety, Food Safety and Food Defense Advisory Council, Small Farms Subcommittee – solicited feedback from small farm community
- Rule 5K-4 – establishes regulatory parameters for farm-based food establishments



Definitions

LPE Rule Definitions

- LPE – “A farm-based food establishment directly produces and offers dressed poultry or whole shell eggs for sale. No additional processing or food preparation of such poultry or shell eggs is allowed under this permit category.”
- Farm – the land buildings, support facilities, machinery, and other appurtenances used in the production of farm or aquaculture products.
- Dressed Poultry – Whole birds which have been beheaded, eviscerated and feet removed.

LPE Rule Definitions

- Dealer – any person, firm, or corporation, including a producer, processor, retailer, or wholesaler, that sells, offers for sale, or holds for the purpose of sale in this state no more than 30 dozen shell eggs or its equivalent in any one week, or in excess of 384 dressed poultry in any one week.

Chapter 5K.-4.033 Rule



Chapter 5K.-4.033 Rule Review

- Poultry
 - Slaughters and minimally processes no more than 20,000 birds/yr and up to 384 dressed birds/wk
 - Grown on his/her own farm in Florida
 - Sale of dressed poultry shall be limited in accordance with the definition of a “Dealer”
 - Poultry producers with flocks in excess of 20,000 poultry shall be permitted by USDA.



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- Shell Eggs
 - Maintains a flock of less than 1,000 poultry/year on his/her own farm in Florida and only sell up to 30 dozen shell eggs in any one week
 - For the purpose of producing shell eggs for human consumption
 - Flocks in excess of 1,000 egg producing birds shall be permitted by USDA.

LPE Requirements

- Products shall only be sold within the state
- Products must not be sold or offered for sale in interstate commerce, mail order or wholesale
- Includes chicken, turkey, duck, goose, guinea, or quail
- Initial inspection to determine compliance and provide required information
- May use another permitted limited poultry and egg farm operator to facilitate delivery or sales
- Products can be sold to retail firms for processing of meals.

Frequently Asked Questions



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- What is the permit type and cost?

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Type 710

Annual fee - \$100

Plus Epidemiology fee - \$10

Total - \$110 Annually

Frequently Asked Questions

- Is any labeling required for my fresh shell eggs?

A placard shall be displayed at the point of sale stating the following:

These eggs have not been graded as to quality and weight.

The placard shall not be smaller than 7 inches by 7 inches.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Is there any labeling required for my processed poultry?

Yes. The immediate packaging of the poultry shall bear **ALL** 4 items:

- a. The processor's name
- b. The farm physical address
- c. The statement, "Exempt P.L. 60-492"
and
- d. Safe Handling Instructions

Frequently Asked Questions

- Are there temperature requirements for my fresh shell eggs?

Yes. Shell eggs shall be maintained at **45° F** from the processing facility to the point of sale.

Coolers are sufficient if the eggs are maintained at **45° F** or below.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Are there temperature requirements for minimally processed poultry?

Yes. Minimally processed poultry shall be maintained at **41° F** after processing, during storage, transportation and display for sales at markets.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Should I wash my eggs prior to selling?

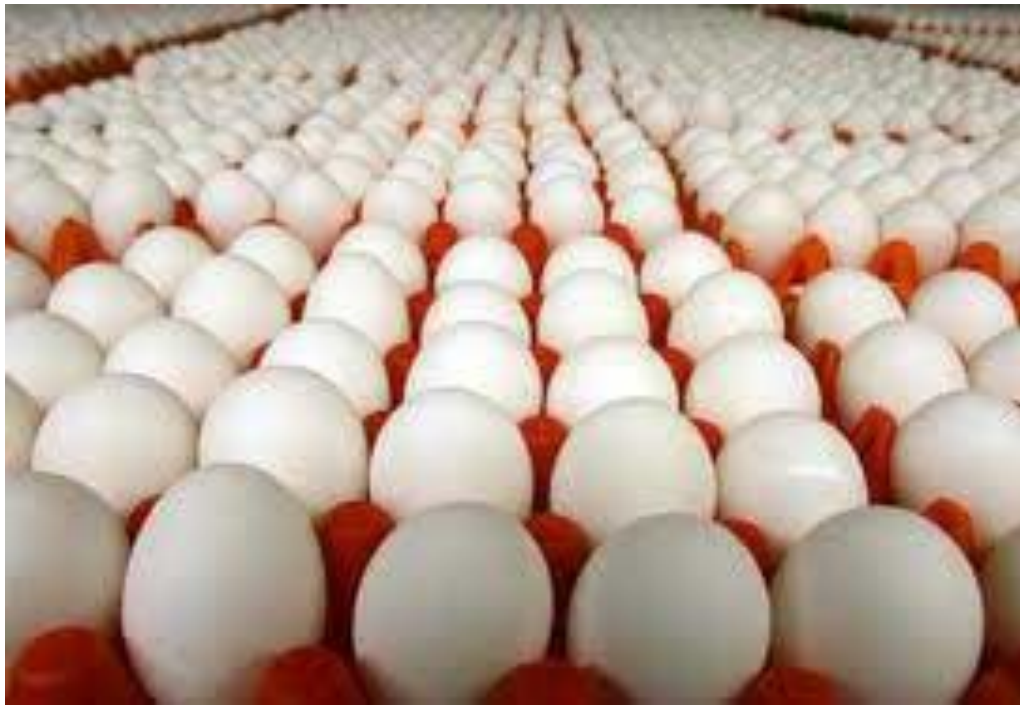
Yes. Your eggs shall be washed in order to sell to the consumer or public eating places.

Restricted eggs, or dirty eggs, cannot be sold for human consumption.

Frequently Asked Questions

- How can I package my eggs under this rule?

Your eggs shall be sold either in flats or in bulk.



Frequently Asked Questions

- If a small farm operation is minimally processing chickens and producing eggs while meeting the LPE Farm Operation permit, are two permits required?

No. Only one permit is needed if selling both dressed poultry and fresh shell eggs.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Is a Certified Food Manager required?

No. Farms which qualify under the LPE Farm Operation permit are exempt from the CFM requirement.

Frequently Asked Questions

- What happens if there is a complaint against my business regulated as a LPE Farm Operation?

Per 5K-4.033 (4)(d) Limited Poultry and Egg Farm Operation, upon receipt of a valid complaint, an inspection of the premises may be required to determine compliance with the rule.

Inspection on complaint only basis.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Can the farm be used as a commissary?

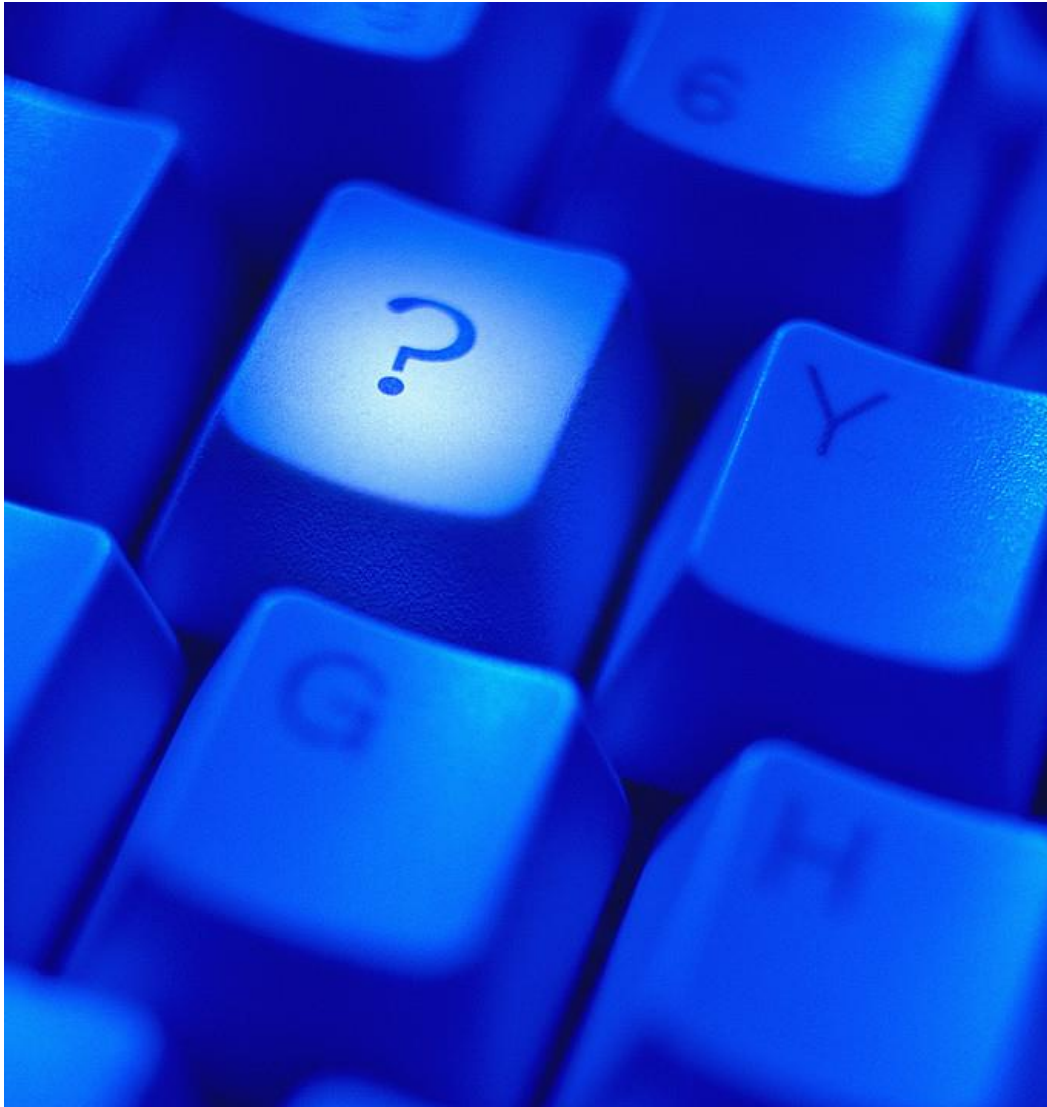
No. A farm permitted under the LPE Farm Operation permit cannot be used as a commissary.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Can a farm sell their products at multiple locations at the same time?

Yes. A farm permitted under the LPE Farm Operation permit can.

Questions?



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