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The USDA Grade AA Shield on Eggs:

Your Ultimate Assurance of Quality



What Does the USDA Grade Shield Mean to You and Your Family?

Quality

The USDA Grade Shield is an added assurance of quality based on standards developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The USDA Grade Shield Means:

- A USDA grader examined and certified that the eggs meet strict U.S. quality standards.
- The eggs were continuously monitored for quality assurance.
- The eggs were not previously packed into other cartons and shipped for consumer sale by egg packers.
- The processing plant was maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
- Only USDA-approved cleansers and sanitizers were used in the processing plant.
- All cartons of USDA graded eggs were coded to indicate the consecutive day of the year the eggs were packed. A USDA grader assured that the eggs were fresh when packed.
- All cartons were coded to identify the processing location.



- The eggs are fresh.
- The eggshells are clean and smooth.
- The eggshells are not cracked or broken.
- The eggs have whites that stand high and are thick and firm.
- The eggs have yolks that are round and stand high.
- The eggs are the size stated on the label.

USDA does the checking so you don't have to. Look for the USDA Grade Shield.

What Should You Look for When Buying Eggs?

The USDA
Shield