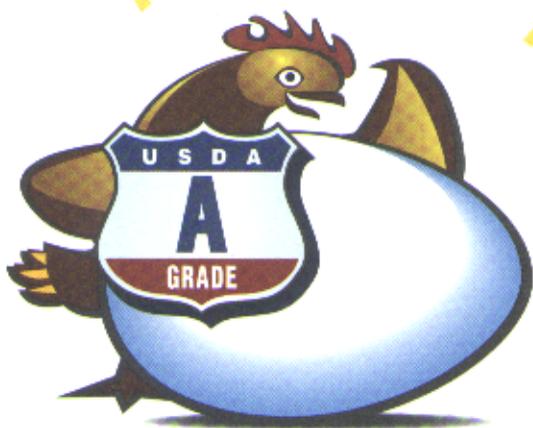


**The USDA Grade A Shield on Eggs:**

**Your Ultimate  
Assurance of  
Quality**



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

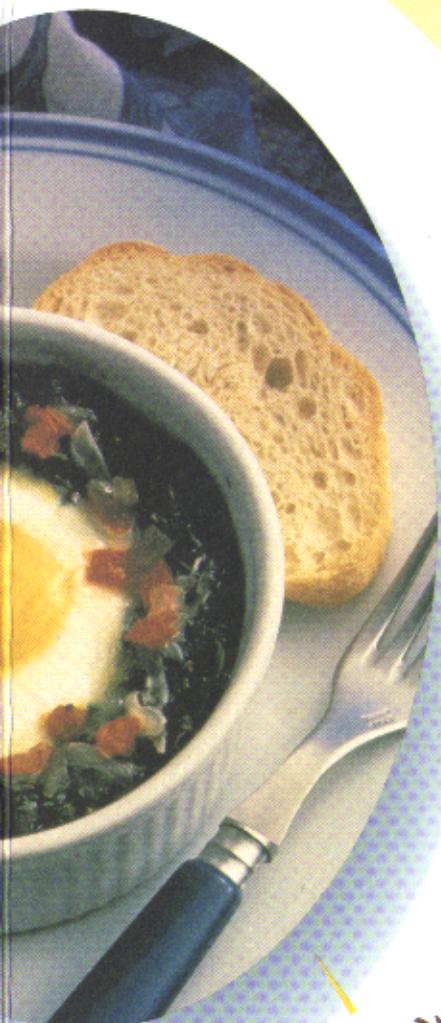
Quality

**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 USDA Grade Shield Assures:

- The eggs are fresh.
- The eggshells are clean and smooth.
- The eggshells are not cracked or broken.
- The eggs have yolks and whites that stand high and are reasonably firm.
- 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



Retailer Logo and Address



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