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Press Release

Guidelines for Selling Eggs Directly to Consumers

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Killingworth residents are advised that there are a few guidelines that need to be followed when selling eggs directly to consumers. The State Department of Agriculture has developed the following guidelines for residents who sell eggs directly to the consumer:

1. Eggs are to be held at 45 degrees Fahrenheit or less.
2. When a commercial carton (say one from a grocery store) is re-used, the carton must be modified as follows:
 - a. USDA shield must be obliterated
 - b. Original plant code, expiration/sell by date must be obliterated
 - c. Original trade name/address must be obliterated
 - d. The name and address of the resident producer and a phone number to receive complaints must be included on the carton and clearly legible
 - e. The following statement must be legible on the carton, **“SAFE HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS: To prevent illness from bacteria: keep eggs refrigerated, cook eggs until yolks are firm, and cook foods containing eggs thoroughly”**
3. The surface of the egg should be cleaned in an approved manner (e.g. brushed lightly) that will remove dirt and debris without damaging the egg’s natural coating

Residents selling eggs to the consumer are exempt from having to grade and size shell eggs and are not required to put a net weight on the carton.

Please contact the Killingworth Health Department at (860) 663-1765 x223 or phutcheon@townofkillingworth.com, should you have any questions or need any additional information.

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