

SHELL EGGS SHALL BE GRADE AA, GRADE A, AND GRADE B.

(E) TOLERANCES FOR GRADES AA, A, AND B CONSUMER SHELL EGGS.

THE TOLERANCES FOR GRADE AA, GRADE A, AND GRADE B EGGS SOLD TO CONSUMERS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) U.S. CONSUMER GRADE AA SHALL CONSIST OF SHELL EGGS WHICH ARE 80 PERCENT AA QUALITY. WITHIN THE MAXIMUM TOLERANCE OF 20 PERCENT WHICH MAY BE BELOW AA QUALITY, NOT MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT MAY BE B QUALITY, C QUALITY OR CHECKS IN ANY COMBINATION AND NOT MORE THAN 0.5 PERCENT LEAKERS OR DIRTIES IN ANY COMBINATION.

(2) U.S. CONSUMER GRADE A SHALL CONSIST OF SHELL EGGS WHICH ARE 80 PERCENT A QUALITY OR BETTER. WITHIN THE MAXIMUM TOLERANCE OF 20 PERCENT WHICH MAY BE BELOW A QUALITY, NOT MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT MAY BE C QUALITY, OR CHECKS IN ANY COMBINATION, AND NOT MORE THAN 0.5 PERCENT LEAKERS OR DIRTIES IN ANY COMBINATION.

(3) U.S. CONSUMER GRADE B SHALL CONSIST OF SHELL EGGS WHICH ARE 80 PERCENT B QUALITY OR BETTER. WITHIN THE MAXIMUM TOLERANCE OF 20 PERCENT WHICH MAY BE BELOW B QUALITY, NOT MORE THAN TEN PERCENT MAY BE CHECKS, AND NOT MORE THAN 0.5 PERCENT LEAKERS OR DIRTIES IN ANY COMBINATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 48, §163 of the Code. In subsection (a) the reference to the exception provided in §166 is proposed for deletion as unnecessary because the sole exception in §166 is the establishment of a grade superior to Grade A and such a grade was added to §163 of the Code by 1972 legislation. The only other changes made are in style.

SEC. 4-306. SECRETARY MAY ESTABLISH SPECIAL GRADES SUPERIOR TO GRADE A; REGISTRATION; REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION.

(A) ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL GRADES SUPERIOR TO GRADE A.

THE SECRETARY MAY ESTABLISH FOR USE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS SPECIAL GRADES OF SHELL EGGS PRODUCED