

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 310

H. P. 230

House of Representatives, January 23, 1973

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Smith of Exeter.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Revising the Maine Egg Grading Law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 7, § 631, sub-§ 1-A, additional. Section 631 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 1-A to read as follows :

1-A. Restricted egg. "Restricted egg" means any check, dirty egg, incubator reject, inedible, leaker or loss.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 7, § 631-A, additional. Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 631-A, to read as follows :

§ 631-A. Official standards

The commissioner is authorized, after holding public hearing, to establish and promulgate official definitions and standards and sizes for grading or classifying, packaging and labeling eggs and to change such official standards and sizes from time to time.

Such official standards and sizes shall not be lower in their requirements than the minimum requirements and the official standards and sizes for corresponding grades or classifications as promulgated from time to time by the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, commonly known as U. S. Grades.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 7, § 633, repealed and replaced. Section 633 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

§ 633. Standards of quality

The standards of quality for Maine consumer grades for shell eggs, Grade AA, Grade A and Grade B, that are or may be established by the commissioner, shall apply to all shell eggs sold or offered for sale. The final determination of the grades shall be made by candling.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 7, § 634, amended. The first paragraph of section 634 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The net weight and size requirements for Maine consumer grades for shell eggs shall be established by the ~~commissioner and an advisory committee chosen by the Maine Poultry Improvement Association~~ Commissioner of Agriculture.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 7, § 636, repealed and replaced. Section 636 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 636. Exemptions

Producers selling eggs of their own producing direct to consumer are exempt from sections 631 to 639. "Restricted eggs" may be sold by any egg producer or packer on his own premises directly to household consumer for use by such consumer and members of his household and his nonpaying guests and employees.

Any producer with less than 3,000 birds are exempt from the restricted egg clause only. All sales by a producer-shipper to other shippers are exempt except when they are marked as to grade or size.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to revise Maine's egg grading law to conform to Federal Standards.