

# CANADA'S EGG SUPPLY CHAIN



This step-by-step guide outlines Canada's egg supply chain. Several independent yet closely connected partners work together to deliver fresh, local, high-quality eggs and egg products to Canadians.

## HATCHERIES

**Fertilized** eggs are incubated and chicks are **hatched** after **21 days**.

## PULLET FARMS

After **hatching**, chicks are moved to a **pullet farm** for about 19 weeks. Some **egg farmers** are vertically integrated and operate **pullet barns**.

## EGG FARMS

Mature hens are moved to a **laying barn**. Eggs are collected and shipped to **grading stations**.



## GRADERS

**Graders** purchase eggs from **egg farmers**. At grading stations, **shell eggs are washed, candled, weighed, sorted** and **packed** into egg cartons.

## PROCESSORS

**Processors** purchase eggs to be transformed into **liquid, frozen** or **powdered** form, as well as other convenient, **value-added** items.

**Retail stores** purchase eggs from **graders**, as well as egg products from **processors**.

**Restaurants, hotels, bakeries** and **other institutions** purchase eggs and egg products such as **liquid, frozen** or **powdered** products from **graders** and **processors**.



Discover more about Canada's egg farming sector by visiting [eggfarmers.ca](http://eggfarmers.ca)

