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.

**CANADA’S EGG SUPPLY CHAIN**

**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