

Subpart 4-Bureau of Regulatory Services
Chapter 04-Egg Marketing Law Regulation

100 Date beyond which eggs may not be sold.

1. All eggs offered for sale in consumer packages (cases, boxes, baskets, or containers) shall be legibly dated with the consecutive day of the year that the eggs were packed. Consumer packages may bear an expiration date, provided the expiration date is preceded by “EXP” or a preprinted statement such as “sell by”, “not to be sold after date on top or end”, or “last sale date on end”. Expiration dates shall be calculated from the date the eggs are packed into the consumer package and may not exceed 30 days, including the date of pack. No eggs which have exceeded the expiration date shall be offered for sale or sold as shell eggs for human consumption.
2. Such eggs may only be used for further processing by an egg products manufacturing plant or denatured and disposed of as inedible product.
3. The use of dates indicating the maximum time frame for expected quality on consumer packages by the packer or retailer is optional. Language such as “use before”, “use by”, “best before”, or other similar terms may be used to indicate maximum time frame for expected quality. The dates following these terms must be calculated from the date the eggs are packed into the consumer package and may not exceed 45 days, including the date of pack. No eggs which have exceeded the maximum time frame for expected quality shall be offered for sale or sold as shell eggs for human consumption.
4. Except as provided by Section 69-7-321 Miss. Code Ann. , all eggs packed for sale as shell eggs to consumers shall be packed only by grading facilities approved and registered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) under provisions of the Egg Products Inspection Act.

(Amended October 23, 2001, May 15, 2003.)

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §69-7-335.