



## Labeling Shell Eggs for Retail Sale


Shell eggs sold in Hawaii must meet Hawaii Department of Agriculture egg carton labeling requirements. The [Hawaii Standards for Shell Eggs](#) apply to all eggs sold to retailers, farmers markets, distributors, and other food establishments. If you are selling directly off the farm, the geographic designation (Island) is not required. For eggs Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) Commodities Branch enforces these labeling and grading standards. Eggs must be "Grade B" or better.

The following information is an example of an egg carton labeled with required and optional consumer information.\* Type size on the carton should not be less than 3/16 inch in height. If eggs are sold "loose" in flats or individually, placards or signage must include price, grade, size, geographic origin, and shell protection if applicable. Letters must be one-half inch in height or greater.

1. Geographic Origin – "Island" (not required if sold at the farm)
2. Grade – "Grade A"
3. Size – "Large"
4. Quantity – "Dozen"
5. Commodity – "Eggs"
6. Shell-treated if applicable – not applicable in this example
7. Name and place of business of the packer or distributor. If your business is not listed in the telephone directory, the complete business address must be included
8. "Consumer safe handling statement" in white box (Federal requirement)
9. "Use by date" (optional)

**Island Eggs**

**Grade A Large  
Dozen**



**Use by: 00/00**

**Produced and Packed by:  
Kula-licious Eggs  
000 Kula Highway  
Kula, Maui, Hi 96790**

**KEEP REFRIGERATED AT 45°F (7.2°C) OR LESS. To prevent illness from bacteria: keep eggs refrigerated, cook eggs until yolks are firm, and cook foods containing eggs thoroughly.**

There are penalties of fines or imprisonment for violating state laws. For more information, contact your local Department of Agriculture Commodities Branch.

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808-832-0700	808-974-6514	808-873-3554	808-241-7133

For additional information on carton labeling, call:  
808-832-0700 and ask for the Feed and Egg Specialist.

\*Typeface may not be to scale but for illustrative purpose only.

**References:**

Hawaii Revised Statutes § 147, Part 5, 147-71 to 147-81

Hawaii Administrative Rules § 4-46