FINDING THE GOOD EGG

EGG CANDLING - WHAT TO LOOK FOR

The GOOD EGG
- Uniformly round, clean, unmarked and unspotted with smooth shell.
- Eggs with minor pigmentation or speckles.
- Eggs lightly stained or slightly brownish stains which are easily removed by scrubbing.

EXTERNAL SHELL DEFECTS

REMOVE from the grade
- Eggs with damaged shells but have unbroken membranes and do not leak, have bangouts, misshapen, star cracks, hairline cracks or gross cracks.
- Remove from grade.
- Eggs with poor shell quality, porous or flat sided - may break if handled or removed from grade.
- Moderately stained and soiled whole egg shell.

GROSS CRACKS
- Large cracks and holes.

HARLINE CRACKS
- Very fine cracks, difficult to detect can be avoided by careful squeezing or tapping.

STAR CRACKS
- Fine cracks radiating outwards from a central point, often slightly indented.

SOFT SHEELD EGGs
- Eggs with very thin shells or no shell around the shell membranes.

SANDPAPERS & ROUGH SHEELS
- Shells with flat sides or edges or grooves that are too large or too round.

MISSHAPEN EGGs
- Shells with flat sides or edges or grooves that are too large or too round.

FLAT-SIDED EGGs
- Part of the shell flattened or indented.

BODY-CHECKED EGGs
- Mottled by rippled or grooves in shell checkers.

PIMPLES
- Shell bumps of calcified material.

PINHOLES
- Very small holes in egg shell.

MOTTLED & GLASSY SHEELS
- Part of the shell has transparent, shell thin and fragile.

CAGE MARKS
- Dirty marks or lines.

STAINED EGGS
- Stained by blood or fencs.

FLY MARKS
- Fly droppings on the egg shell.

FUNGUS OR MILDEW
- Eggs covered with powdery material or brown discoloration.

INTERNAL DEFECTS

Focuses on albumen cleanliness and viscosity, size of air cell, yolk shape and strength.

OLD CRACK
- Fresh crack
- Soft shell
- Beak or toe punched

BLOODSPOT IN WHITE EGG
- Bloodspot in brown egg
- Blood egg

THE FINISHED PRODUCT

First quality finished product
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