

SAME DEPARTMENT.



DIFFERENT PROGRAMS.



Formed after passing of Proposition 12 (2018).



Applies to egg-laying hens, breeding pigs, and veal calves producing covered products for California human consumption.



Ensures covered animals have freedom of movement and required minimum usable floorspace.



Regulates proper enclosure requirements for each animal including enrichments for egg-laying hens.



Inspections are performed to ensure compliance with Proposition 12 at production facilities and wholesaler distributors.



Was created to ensure eggs have been properly handled, labeled, transported, refrigerated; and are wholesome and safe to eat.



ESQM covers only egg-laying hens producing egg products for California human consumption.



Ensures egg-laying hens have a minimum required square footage of floorspace per hen.



Regulates shell egg and egg products at production, packing, distribution and retail facilities.



Inspections are performed to ensure compliance with the Egg Safety Rule. ESQM conducts USDA and FDA contracted inspections. The program performs Shell Egg Food Safety (SEFS) audits, Compliance & Risk Based Inspections (CRBI) and retail inspections.

To learn more about Proposition 12 or to schedule an on-site inspection, scan the QR code.



To learn more about the Egg Safety and Quality Management (ESQM) program scan the QR code.



The Animal Care Program (ACP) serves as the final authority for Proposition 12 Animal Confinement regulation certification and manages related inquiries. To ensure compliance, ACP requires annual inspection and certification for producers and distributors, as well as annual registration for distributors. The Egg Safety and Quality Management (ESQM) program requires annual inspection and registration of egg handlers and producers in order to issue egg handler licenses. ESQM inspectors may also conduct Animal Confinement regulation inspections and support Proposition 12 compliance efforts as needed.

Together, ACP and ESQM work collaboratively to ensure compliance with the California Code of Regulations.

