

## “California Shell Egg Food Safety Compliant” Statement

As a California egg consumer, you may have noticed a NEW statement on your egg carton. The “California Shell Egg Food Safety Compliant” or the abbreviated “CA SEFS Compliant” statement means that the eggs you’re purchasing have gone through added measures to reduce the risk of Salmonella Enteritidis (SE) contamination, as specified in California Code of Regulation Title 3 Section 1350 (3 CCR 1350). SE is the number one food borne illness associated to raw shell eggs. [§ 1350. Shell Egg Food Safety.](#)

3 CCR 1350 is a two phase regulation, the first phase went into effect July 1, 2013 and implements SE reduction measures for egg producers with a flock size of 3,000 birds or larger. These measures include the following:

- Implement a vaccination program to protect against SE
- Implement a SE environmental monitoring program which also includes Chick Paper Testing (chick papers are the papers that chicks are placed on when shipped from the brooder to the egg producer.)
- Implement SE prevention measures in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) 21 CFR Part 118. [Code of Federal Regulations Title 21](#)

The second phase of the regulation takes effect January 1, 2015 and includes the following:

- Enclosure requirements as set forth in 3 CCR 1350 for **ALL** producers
- Container labeling requirements that states the eggs are California Shell Egg Food Safety Compliant

Egg producers who are compliant with the first phase of regulation 3 CCR 1350 may use the California Shell Egg Food Safety Compliant statement on their egg containers prior to the mandatory date of January 1, 2015.

The California shell egg industry worked closely with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to develop this regulation. Both entities are ever mindful to assure that healthful, wholesome and safe eggs are available to California consumers.

