

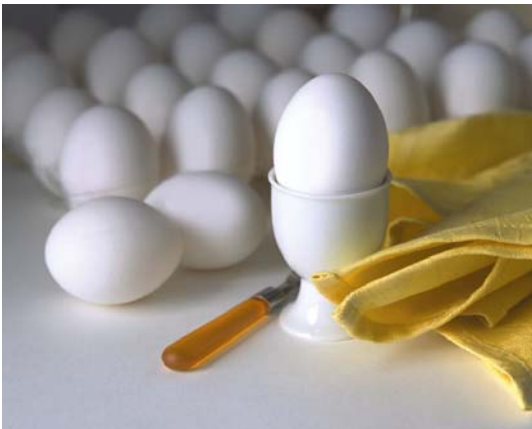


## Canada's

### Agriculture, Food and Beverage INDUSTRY

## Canada's Egg Industry

Canadian egg products are recognized internationally for their superior quality. A combination of research, innovation, regulation and technology has guided the successful development of the Canadian egg industry.



The most popular breed of chicken for egg production in Canada is the white leghorn. The average Canadian flock size is 17,100 hens, but five farms in Canada have flocks larger than 100,000 hens. The average laying hen produces about 285 eggs per year.

In 2005, Canadians produced 7 billion eggs with a market value of \$717 million. Ontario produced 38 per cent of these eggs, while Quebec produced 19 per cent. The western provinces had a combined egg production of 36 per cent, while the eastern provinces produced 7 per cent.

In the last two decades, as demand for easy-to-use ingredients has increased, the processed egg industry has expanded steadily. Exports of processed eggs have increased from 3,400 tonnes valued at \$16 million in 1995 to 11,000 tonnes valued at \$30 million in 2005. In 2005, Canadian processed eggs were exported to over 20 countries, with Japan, United States and

Venezuela being the top markets. Only a small number of preserved shell eggs are exported.

Egg processing includes the production of whole egg, albumen and egg yolks in frozen, dried or liquid form. Processed eggs are used in the manufacturing of many foods, including mayonnaise, noodles and baked goods. They are also used to make other items such as shampoo, pet foods and adhesives.

Important biochemicals are also derived from eggs, including avidin and ovomucoid, two highly purified proteins used in various testing processes. In addition, ovalbumin and conalbumin are used in geriatric feeding formulas.

Canada's egg industry operates under an orderly marketing policy framework that is designed to encourage production of a sufficient volume of eggs to meet marketing needs. Getting the eggs and processed eggs from the producer to the grocery store requires coordination and cooperation among producers, egg graders, processors, provincial and federal governments, inspectors, distributors and retailers.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) inspectors across Canada monitor operations and take random food samples from egg grading and egg processing stations for laboratory analysis to verify compliance with food safety regulations and product standards. In addition, the CFIA has voluntary on-farm safety programs that are monitored by its inspectors.

Regulation, innovation and marketing have contributed to Canada's reputation for high-quality egg products. This strong reputation, as well as increasing demand for processed egg products, has encouraged the success of the Canadian egg industry.

*Quality*  
is in our **nature**



### **For More Detailed Information**

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### **Other Links**

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[www.canadaegg.ca](http://www.canadaegg.ca)

Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors  
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[www.cpepc.ca](http://www.cpepc.ca)

**Further information on products, suppliers and investment opportunities in the Canadian agri-food industry is available on the Agri-Food Trade Service Web site at: [www.ats.agr.gc.ca](http://www.ats.agr.gc.ca)**

Canada's food and agricultural products reflect our dedication to excellence, and our deep commitment to safety, quality, environmental responsibility, innovation and service.

In every facet of our industry, we seek to earn the trust of our customers by answering their needs and exceeding their expectations. Those values along with our belief in building strong relationships, have given Canadian agriculture and food products an international reputation for excellence. Customers around the world know that they can trust the goodness of Canada.



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