

**196.1 Definitions.**

Unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Candling*” means the careful examination of each shell egg and the elimination of those eggs determined unfit for human consumption.
2. “*Consumer*” means a person who buys eggs for personal consumption.
3. “*Department*” means the department of agriculture and land stewardship.
4. “*Egg handler*” or “*handler*” means a person who buys or sells eggs, or uses eggs in the preparation of human food. “*Egg handler*” or “*handler*” does not include a retailer, a consumer, an establishment, or a producer who sells eggs as provided in [section 196.4](#).
5. “*Establishment*” means any place in which eggs are offered or sold as human food for consumption by its employees, students, patrons, customers, residents, inmates or patients or as an ingredient in food offered or sold in a form ready for immediate consumption.
6. “*Grading*” means classifying each shell egg by weight and grading in accordance with egg grading standards approved by the United States government as of July 1, 1985, pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, 7 U.S.C. §1621 et seq.
7. “*Nest run eggs*” means eggs which have not been denatured, candled, graded, processed or labeled.
8. “*Package*” means the same as defined in [section 189.1](#).
9. “*Producer*” means a person who owns layer type chickens.
10. “*Retailer*” means a person who sells eggs directly to consumers except a producer who sells eggs under the provisions of [section 196.4](#).

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3107; C46, 50, 54, §196.7; C58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, §196.3, 196.11; C77, 79, 81, §196.1]

[85 Acts, ch 195, §20](#); [95 Acts, ch 7, §1, 2](#); [2011 Acts, ch 16, §2, 5](#)

Further definitions, see [§189.1](#)