

2025-26 INDIANA STATE EGG BOARD MEMBERS

	REPRESENTING	APPOINTMENTS
SKYE ZAKREWSKI, Vice President Rose Acre Farms, Inc.	Federal/State Inspected Plants	First Appt: 06/15/23 Re-Appt: 06/30/26
BRYAN JOHNSON River View Farms	Indiana Farm Bureau	First Appt: 02/04/15 Re-Appt: 06/15/23 Term Expires: 06/30/26
DR. DARRIN KARCHER Department of Animal Sciences	Office of Agricultural Research Programs	First Appt: 10/28/16 Re-Appt: 06/15/23 Term Expires: 06/30/26
THOMAS KLUMP (formerly The Kroger Co)	Indiana Retail Council	First Appt: 12/02/06 Re-Appt: 06/15/23 Term Expires: 06/30/26
BLAIR KRINER, President Delco Foods	Food Service Industry	First Appt: 06/14/16 Re-Appt: 06/15/23 Term Expires: 06/30/26
BOB KROUSE MPS Egg Farms	Indiana State Poultry Association	First Appt: 06/28/88 Re-Appt: 06/15/23 Term Expires: 06/30/26
CASEY BAESLER Baesler’s Market, Inc.	Indiana Grocery & Convenience Store Association	First Appt: 11/12/25 Re-Appt: 06/30/26
ALEX SEGER, Secretary Wabash Valley Produce	Egg Council Dept., ISPA	First Appt: 06/14/16 Re-Appt: 06/15/23 Term Expires: 06/30/26
MARGARET (Peggy) TITUS	Consumer Interest	First Appt: 05/01/12 Re-Appt: 06/15/23 Term Expires: 06/30/26

Indiana State Egg Board

Annual Report

2025-26

The Indiana Fresh Egg Law was passed in 1939. The Indiana State Egg Board (ISEB) was created by the Indiana Egg Act of 1941 with the mission of regulating the sell and commerce of eggs in Indiana to provide consumers in Indiana a safe and wholesome shell egg. Shell eggs are monitored by our field staff from the site of production to the retail store, assuring Indiana’s citizens the highest quality product possible.

The ISEB has oversight by nine directors appointed by the Governor. These directors represent the various segments of the shell egg industry and include the consumer, restaurant industry, retail/grocers, wholesalers, processors and producers. The board meets quarterly to offer guidance to staff, develop policy, and approve expenditures.

The Indiana State Egg Board has adopted the U. S. Standards, Grades, and Weight Classes for shell eggs. All eggs marketed in Indiana must meet these standards. In addition, anyone who wishes to distribute eggs in the state of Indiana must register with the ISEB. All registrations are renewed on an annual basis. Registrants are inspected to verify product quality, labeling requirements, temperature and sanitation.

In addition to the annual registration fee, wholesale registrants distributing more than 5 cases per week must report the volumes of product distributed in Indiana and pay a \$.11 per case (30 Doz.) fee to offset the cost of inspection activities and program administration.

The program not only protects the consumer but also supports the shell egg industry. The establishment and enforcement of standards for everyone in the shell egg business maintains a level playing field. Indiana is the third largest egg producing state in the nation, with approximately 38.7 million laying hens.

Indiana Statistics

6.97 million people¹

270.4 eggs consumed per person per year²

67% as shell eggs

1,262,740,960 eggs consumed as shell eggs

300 eggs/hen/year production

11,610,000,000 eggs produced per year

Major supplier of eggs across the US

References

1 US Census Bureau, Population Estimate, July 1, 2025

2 USDA Ag Marketing Service 2026 per capita consumption estimate



ISEB Staff

June 30, 2026

- Program Director:

Mark Straw
- Licensing/Admin:

Melissa Geiger
- Compliance Manager:

Robert Mears
- Compliance Officers:

Scott Ratliff

Robert Haynes

Rosemary Tankersley

Bailey Landrum

Inspection Activities

7412 Retail Inspections:

Retail Inspections to verify eggs meet USDA quality standards, requirements for labeling and temperature, and retail facility sanitation in display and storage areas.

106 Wholesaler Inspections:

Inspections to verify eggs meet USDA quality standards, requirements for labeling and storage/transportation temperature, and wholesale facility sanitation.

42 USDA – Shell Egg Surveillance inspections:

Contract inspection conducted for USDA at shell egg processors with more than 3,000 layers and grading stations in Indiana. Shell eggs packed for the consumer are evaluated using USDA Grade Standards to verify they meet the minimum requirements. Temperature, Sanitation, and labeling are reviewed. Disposal of inedible eggs are verified. Eggs can be distributed anywhere in the United States.

80 USDA – Country of Origin Labeling reviews:

Contract inspections of assigned retail locations in Indiana for compliance with the Country of Origin Labeling requirements on fruits, vegetables, nuts, chicken, and seafood. Inspectors verify these items meet the labeling requirements for country of origin and production methods/steps at the point of purchase, so consumers can make informed purchasing decisions.

62 FDA – Egg Safety Rule Inspections

Contract inspections of farms with 3,000 or more egg laying chickens for compliance with 21 CFR 118 – Production, Storage and Transportation of Shell Eggs. Inspections are conducted to verify the farm is implementing the five required actions to reduce the potential for the contamination of shell eggs with Salmonella Enteritidis. Current contract is to complete 67 targeted inspections. The largest state contract in the US.

Cases (30 doz.) Distributed in Indiana

License Category Cases/week distributed	Cases Reported	Percentage of Distribution
5 – 250	229,249	5.69
250 -500	167,846	4.17
500 – 1000	275,686	6.85
> 1000	3,352,755	83.29

Annual Budget 2025-26	
Program Revenue	
SEB Retail Income	\$ 200,135.00
SEB Wholesale Income	\$ 28,120.00
SEB Audit Income	<u>\$ 405,501.34</u>
Total Program revenue	\$633,756.34
Grant Revenue	
FDA Egg Rule	\$ 161,362.79
COOL	\$ 57,876.37
Surveillance	<u>\$ 18,773.35</u>
Total Grant Revenue	\$238,012.51
TOTAL REVENUE	\$871,768.85
Program Expenses	
Salary	\$ 535,081.81
Benefits	\$ 168,137.92
Total Salary/benefits	\$703,219.73
Direct Expenses	
Operating expenses	\$ 99,990.15
Database Project	\$ 4,232.00
	\$ 104,222.15
Total Expenses	\$807,441.88
Net Operating (Gain/Loss)	\$ 64,326.97

Inspectional Findings

Egg inspections conducted:	7,518
Total Dozen eggs inspected:	136,137
Number of violations reported:	4,873
Eggs removed from sale (Dozens)	60,537

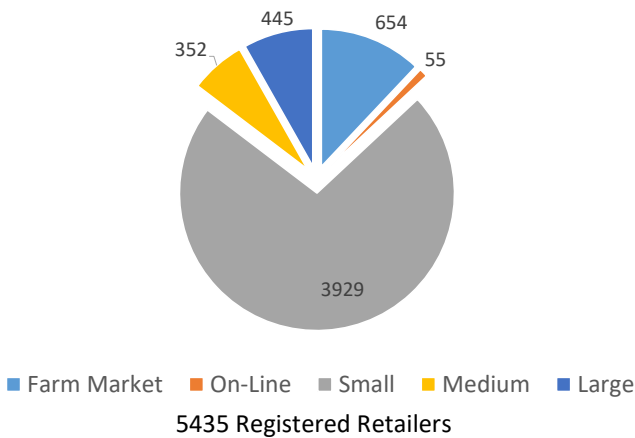
Reason for removal:

	% of violations
Restricted Eggs	86.73
Poor rotation/expired eggs	8.43
Temperature violation	.02
Sanitation	.02
Labeling issues	2.36

Restricted Eggs are quality issues and include:

- Interior quality:* Blood spots, meat spots, mixed rots, frozen
- Broken eggs:* Leakers, Checks 9% or greater
- Exterior quality:* Dirt (adhering foreign material, fecal material, yolk)

Retail Registration



Wholesale Registration

