

## CHAPTER 29—S.F.No.192

*An act relating to agriculture; providing for the establishment of standards for eggs; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 29.23.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 29.23, is amended to read:

**29.23 AGRICULTURE; EGGS; STANDARDS; GRADING; GRADES, WEIGHT CLASSES AND STANDARDS FOR QUALITY.** All eggs purchased on the basis of grade by the first licensed buyer shall cause all eggs to be candled and graded according to Minnesota purchase grades as in accordance with grade and weight classes established by the commissioner and shall remove all adulterated and inedible eggs before purchase. Such candling and grading shall be done before payment in full is made, but nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a licensed buyer from advancing or making a partial payment to the producer before such candling and grading. Such candling and grading shall also be done within the state of Minnesota unless the first licensed buyer obtains special permission in writing from the commissioner to do such candling and grading outside the state of Minnesota, in which event the commissioner shall require that such candling and grading be done under the supervision of the grading service of the United States department of agriculture on a continuous basis or under comparable supervision approved by the commissioner and that a grading report based on Minnesota purchase grades be issued to the producer for each lot of eggs candled and graded. The commissioner shall promulgate establish, by regulation, and from time to time, may amend or revise, grades, weight classes, and standards for quality. When grades, weight classes, and standards for quality have been fixed by the secretary of the department of agriculture of the United States, they may be accepted and published by the commissioner as definitions or standards for eggs in interstate commerce Minnesota purchase grades and Minnesota consumer grades and the standards on which these grades are based. The commissioner shall also by regulation provide for minimum plant and equipment requirements for candling, grading, handling and storing eggs, and shall define candling. It shall be mandatory that eggs be held at a temperature not to exceed 60 degrees Fahrenheit after being received by the first licensed dealer.

Approved March 22, 1973.

**Changes or additions indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.**