# **Egg Vendor Agreement**

To sell eggs at Central Oregon Locavore, you must fill out this Egg Vendor Agreement.

#### **Egg Vendor Profile**

We ask that you fill out a brief profile on where you are located and how you raise and treat your chickens. Locavore and our customers are very interested in that information.

Farm(er) Name:
Phone Number:
Location:
General Information about birds (flock size, area they have available to forage, type of feed, general
philosophy about raising birds, etc.):

# **Egg Delivery**

We accept eggs Mondays from 8am to 9:45am. The first approximately 100 dozen eggs to come in will be purchased (with a cap of 25 dozen per egg vendor). If you'd like to check if we are still accepting eggs, please call the store <u>during business hours</u> at 541-633-7388. If you are unable to make a Monday delivery, please call the staff <u>during business hours</u> to schedule an alternative delivery. Scheduling an alternative delivery is not guaranteed.

We categorize our eggs two different ways:

**Green Eggs**: The birds have only been given certified, GMO-free, organic feed. Typically, the feed does not contain soy or corn, but may if they are certified GMO-free. Some examples of brands are *Scratch and Peck*, *Nature Smart* and *Rogue Nature's Harmony*. We prefer that corn and soy-free feed is used.

**Regular Eggs:** The birds have not been given certified organic feed.

For both types of eggs, the chickens must be pasture-raised and should be eating bugs, plants, etc. They must be given plenty of room to roam and forage. They cannot be given antibiotics or hormones.

# **Proving Organic Status:**

In order to obtain organic pricing, you must first provide Locavore staff with bag tags or receipt from your organic feed for three consecutive weeks. Furthermore, Locavore reserves the right to, at any given time, request additional proof of organic status. Failure or refusal to comply will result in immediate loss of organic status and potential termination of vendor agreement.

#### **Prices and Payment**

We pay for the eggs with a check at the time they are delivered.

We purchase goose eggs for \$1.00 per egg, while all other eggs are purchased by the dozen. See the below chart for pricing.

Type of eggs	Green price / dozen eggs	Regular price / dozen eggs
Chicken - XL	\$6.00	\$4.50
Chicken - L	\$5.50	\$4.00
Chicken - M	\$5.00	\$3.50
Chicken - S	\$4.50	\$3.00
Duck	\$6.00	\$4.50

### **Chicken Egg Sizes**

We will weigh the eggs when they arrive at the store. We pay by the weight of the dozen, not the individual eggs. *Please DO NOT mix large and small eggs; put only like-sizes together.* Our customers do not purchase dozens that contain a wide variety of sizes.

Extra-large = 28.8oz /dozen in cardboard carton

**Large** = 25.8oz – 28.7oz /dozen in cardboard carton

**Medium** = 22.8oz – 25.7oz /dozen in cardboard carton

**Small**= 22.8 and below (please do not bring in eggs that are less than 19oz)

**Note:** Only full dozen cartons are accepted, *no half-dozen or 18-packs*. All weights are for cardboard cartons, plastic and Styrofoam cartons do not weigh out to the same amounts.

### **Egg Handling**

Locavore is licensed by the state of Oregon as an egg handler. For eggs to be sold at our store, we must first candle them and then repackage them in cartons with the Locavore name, license number, and other information.

We ask that you don't wash your eggs under running water. It damages the natural coating they have and makes it easier for any potential bacterial infection. Just use a damp towel or sponge to wipe off any dirt or feces or use a light sandpaper. Please try your best to remove this debris before you bring your eggs to Locavore.

If you refrigerate the eggs at your place, please make sure they stay cool (below 40 degrees) during the trip to the store. Please tell us if they have been refrigerated so that we will know to place them directly in a refrigerator.

It is OK to not refrigerate the eggs before bringing them to the store, just be careful in the spring and summer when temperatures rise.

#### **Cracked Eggs**

We candle the eggs to look for cracks and fertilization. We expect to get 1 or 2 cracked eggs for every 3 or 4 dozen. We give those to volunteers or staff and don't ask vendors to repay us for them. If the number of cracked eggs gets to be too high, about 1 per dozen, we will talk with the vendor about checking their practices and trying to be more thorough about inspecting the eggs. Small cracks can be very hard to spot without candling. If you are interested, ask to see our candling room and you can get an idea of what cracked eggs look like.

#### Egg Age

The sooner you get your eggs to us after they are laid, the better. It makes for better eggs and happier customers. We understand with smaller flocks and making trips into Bend to deliver, you might have to collect eggs for a while before bringing them in. We find that those vendors that deliver on a weekly basis with eggs less than a week old have the best eggs.

We try to get all eggs candled and out in the store the day or the day after they arrive. By law we must put a pull date of 1 month after they are put in the carton

#### Communication

Central Oregon Locavore works to create a safe and positive environment for staff, customers, volunteers, and vendors at all times, and therefore reserves the right to discontinue service to any customer, volunteer, or vendor that is behaving in a way that is disruptive to a positive environment. By signing this agreement, the vendor agrees to behave in a respectful, understanding, and appropriate manner while interacting with staff, volunteers, and customers. Locavore reserves the right to discontinue working with vendors if they cannot uphold positive communications.

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(printed name)	(farm/product name)
	above Terms & Conditions of the Central Oregon Locavore to adhere to Locavore's delivery and communication protocols.
Signature:	
Date:	