

SHELL EGG SANITATION PROGRAMS

USDA Graders Audit Criteria of Shell Egg Washing Equipment

Shell Egg Washer	Satisfactory	Minor	Major	Critical
Prewetting water temperature maintained at a minimum of 90F. higher than the internal temperature of the eggs to be treated.			X	
Egg wash temperature maintained at a minimum of 90°F. and at least 20°F. higher than the internal temperature of the eggs to be washed.				X
Steam and vapors generated from the washing operation continuously exhausted directly to the outside of the building.		X		
Wash water pH of >10 continuously maintained.			X	
Waste water from washers discharged directly to drain.			X	
Temperature of sanitizing spray equal to or warmer than the wash water.		X		
Sanitizer spray system functioning properly and concentration levels not less				X
Washing, grading, and packaging equipment maintained in a clean and sanitary condition during processing operations.			X	