

Animal Production

Frequently Asked Questions about Organic Certification under Mexico's Organic Products Law

Can eggs from poultry be certified organic?

Yes, when these eggs come from farms where the birds are certified as organic and are managed under organic practices among which are: free access to outdoor spaces; spaces inside and outside are adequate to allow the birds to perform their basic functions such as flapping, sand bathing, pecking, exploring, ensuring that they have optimal conditions to prevent diseases, feeding based on a diet allowed in the organic standard, as well as the use of inputs to treat diseases, and the use of permitted substances, among others.

What are the certifications that an organic egg producer needs to have in Mexico?

To call an egg "organic" it must be certified under the LPO. In addition to the above, organic egg producers must always observe the sanitary and biosafety measures established by the corresponding regulations.

What are the main challenges faced by organic egg producers when applying for organic certification?

The main challenges for egg producers seeking to certify their products are as follows:

- Getting birds that are adapted to organic production.
- Having sufficient space to comply with the Guidelines Agreement (number of animals per m² in indoor and outdoor areas).
- Have certified organic feed or plots to produce feed (which must undergo a three-year conversion period).
- To have the zotechnical knowledge to prevent birds from getting sick and not to use chemical synthesis medicines.