

Sunset Public Hearing Questions for
Egg Promotion Board
Created by Section 43-29-120, *Tennessee Code Annotated*
(Sunset Termination June 2021)

Enabling Statute, Purpose, and Rules and Regulations

1. Provide a brief introduction to the board, including information about its purpose, statutory duties, staff, and administrative attachment.

The egg promotion board does not currently exist. According to the TN Poultry Association, there are not any commercial egg layers marketing in Tennessee. At one time, Tennessee had a significant egg laying industry which has given way to broiler production over the past 3 decades. While there are no large egg layers in Tennessee at present, we are seeing a renewed interest and rise in smaller and specialty egg production operations.

2. Has the board promulgated rules and regulations? If yes, please cite the reference.

Board Organization, Oversight

3. Provide a list of current members of the board. For each member, please indicate who appointed the member, statutory member representation, the beginning and end of the member's term, and whether the member is serving a consecutive term.
4. Are there any vacancies on the board? If so, please indicate how long the position has been vacant and explain steps that have been taken to fill any vacancies.
5. How many times did the board meet in Fiscal Years 2018, 2019 and 2020? How many members were present at each meeting? Please note meetings where the board did not have a quorum.
6. What entities oversee the board's activities? Provide links to any oversight reports and recommendations.

Financial Information

7. What were the board's revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019 and 2020? Does the board carry a reserve balance?
8. What per diem or travel reimbursements do board members receive? How much was paid to board members in Fiscal Years 2018, 2019 and 2020?
9. Has the board developed a process to assess egg producers for financing a program of promotion, advertising and research to increase the consumption, use and sale of egg products in domestic and foreign markets? funding to engage in promotion? If not, does the U.S. Department of Agriculture operate a mandatory assessment program for Tennessee egg producers?

Sunshine Law, Public Meetings, and Conflict of Interest Policies

10. Is the board subject to Sunshine law requirements (Section 8-44-101 et seq., *Tennessee Code Annotated*) for public notice of meetings, prompt and full recording of minutes, and public access to minutes? If so, what procedures does the board have for informing the public of meetings and making minutes available to the public?
11. Does the board allow for public comment at meetings? Is prior notice required for public comment to be heard? If public comment is not allowed, how does the board obtain feedback from the public and cattle industry members?
12. Does the board have a conflict of interest policy?
13. Does the board have a website or information on the Department of Agriculture's website? If so, please provide the web address. What kind of public information is available on the website?

Reports, Major Accomplishments, and Proposed Legislative Changes

14. What were the board's major accomplishments during Fiscal Years 2018, 2019 and 2020?
15. Please describe any items related to the board that require legislative attention and your proposed legislative changes.
16. Should the board be continued? To what extent and in what ways would the absence of the authority affect the public health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of Tennessee?

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture will defer to the will of the legislature.

17. Please identify the appropriate agency representative or representatives possessing substantial knowledge and understanding of the responses provided to the sunset review questions.

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18. Please identify the appropriate agency representative or representatives who will respond to the questions at the scheduled sunset hearing.

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19. Please provide the office address, telephone number, and email address of the agency representative or representatives who will respond to the questions at the scheduled sunset hearing.

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