How to Determine Use By/Sell By Dates for Shell Eggs

Use Julian Date tables to determine "Use By:" or "Sell By: " date based on your pack date. Here's how:

1. Choose the Leap Year or Non-Leap Year version of the date table.

2. Find the Julian day number for your pack date -- the month and day on which you candled, graded, and packed the eggs.

3. Add 30 to the Julian number for your pack date.

4. Find that pack date + 30 number on the table.

5. Find the month and day associated with the pack date + 30 number. That is your "Use By:" or "Sell By:" date.