

USDA COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS FRESH CITRUS

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COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

Varieties and Count Requirements. The varieties and count of the fresh citrus offered pursuant to this Announcement shall be limited to those specified in the Invitation. Minimum and Maximum Size Requirements. The minimum and maximum sizes of fresh citrus by type of pack and count will be specified in the Invitation to this Announcement. The fresh citrus shall meet the sizing requirements of the applicable United States Standards and the tolerances thereunder shall apply.

ORANGES

Size and Count: Fresh oranges delivered shall be of the size or count and variety shown in the Invitation and shall at least meet the grade requirements of U.S. No. 1 or better for the state in which they are grown.

Container and Pack. The fresh oranges delivered to USDA shall be packed in new, good quality cartons, so constructed as to insure acceptance by common carrier or other carrier for safe transportation for domestic shipment. These packing requirements provide that pack shall be at least fairly tight or fairly well filled. The tolerances applicable under such packing requirement shall apply.

SEEDLESS GRAPEFRUIT

1. Fresh seedless grapefruit delivered shall be of the size or count and color shown in the Invitation and shall at least meet the requirements of external grade of U.S. No. 2 or better, and the internal grade of U.S. No. 1.
2. Container and Pack. The seedless grapefruit delivered to USDA shall be packed in new, good quality cartons, so constructed as to insure acceptance by common carrier or other carrier for safe transportation for domestic shipment. These packing requirements provide

that pack shall be at least fairly tight or fairly well filled. The tolerances applicable under such packing requirement shall apply.

INSPECTION AND CHECKLOADING

USDA Grading Required.

PROTECTIVE SERVICE

The following practices shall be applied:

1. Loading of fresh citrus into a refrigerated trailer capable of holding an air temperature as specified in the invitation.
2. Refrigerated shipment of the fresh citrus at temperature specified in the invitation.

SIZES PER INDIVIDUAL SHIPMENT

The quantity of fresh citrus in each offer unit ordered delivered by USDA shall contain product of not more than three (3) adjacent sizes nor be in more than three locations at the time of inspection and checkloading. Each size shall be segregated in the shipment with a minimum of intermingling of the sizes. If shipment is by truck, the location and count of each size in the truck (front, center, and tail) shall be noted on the shipping manifest by the Contractor.

CONTAINERS and CASE MARKINGS

Condition. The containers and case markings shall meet the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers (7 CFR Part 42).

Case Markings. In addition to any other commercial markings, each carton shall show the grower's or shippers' name and address, variety, grade and size by count.

CERTIFICATION OF PRODUCT ORIGIN

Product must be grown and packed in the United States