

USDA Commodity Specification

Fresh Fruit

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Apples

1. Grade - U.S. Fancy. (State grades will be acceptable provided the apples meet the requirements of the U.S. Fancy Grade).
2. Types of Pack and Size Requirement
 - a. tray pack - minimum size 150; maximum size- 100
 - b. cell pack – minimum size 140; maximum size – 96
3. Apples 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. 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.
4. Apples shall also meet the **United States Condition Standards for Export**.
5. Tenderness and Maturity – not more than an average of five percent in any lot and ten percent in individual containers may be further advanced in maturity than firm ripe.
6. Must be loaded into a refrigerated trailer capable of holding air temperature not to exceed 40° F. Refrigerated shipment at 34° to 40° F.

Pears

1. Grade - U.S. No. 2. (provided that the pears do not contain more than **five percent** condition defects, including not more than a total of **two percent** decay and/or internal breakdown. State Grades will be acceptable provided that the pears meet the minimum requirements of U.S. No. Grade (Oregon/Washington Fancy).
2. Tenderness and Maturity - not more than an average of **10 percent** of the pears in any lot or more than **15 percent** in any container, may be further advanced in stages of ripeness than firm.
3. Pack and Size Requirement

- a. tray pack - minimum size 165; maximum size- 90.
 - b. wrapped pack – minimum size 165; maximum size - 90.
4. Pears in each offer unit ordered delivered by USDA shall contain product of not more than three (3) adjacent sizes nor originate from more than three locations. 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.
 5. The grade, quality, condition, count, size pack, and the stage of firmness requirements referred to herein are defined in **United States Standards for Grades of Summer and Fall Pears**, and the **United States Standards for Grades of Winter Pears**, in effect on the date of the Invitation.
 6. Must be loaded into a refrigerated trailer capable of holding air temperature not to exceed 40° F.
 7. Refrigerated shipment at 34° to 40° F.

Product Origin

Products must be 100% grown, and packed in the United States, its territories or possessions, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands.

Packing Season

All fresh fruit must be from the current packing season/crop year, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Invitation.

Containers and Packing

Commercial cases with Special markings.

Inspection

Product requires USDA inspection.