

DEFINITIONS

§ 51.3202 Similar varietal characteristics.

Similar varietal characteristics means that the onions in any container are similar in color, shape and character of growth.

§ 51.3203 Mature.

Mature means that the onion is fairly well cured, and at least fairly firm.

§ 51.3204 Fairly firm.

Fairly firm means that the onion may yield slightly to moderate pressure but is not appreciably soft or spongy.

§ 51.3205 Fairly well shaped.

Fairly well shaped means that the onion shows the characteristic shape, not appreciably three-, four- or five-sided, thick necked or badly pinched.

§ 51.3206 Wet sunscald.

Wet sunscald means any sunscald which is soft, mushy, sticky or wet.

§ 51.3207 Doubles.

Doubles means onions which have developed more than one distinct bulb joined only at the base.

§ 51.3208 Bottlenecks.

Bottlenecks means onions which have abnormally thick necks with only fairly well developed bulbs.

§ 51.3209 Damage.

Damage unless otherwise specifically defined in this section, means any defect which materially affects the appearance, or the edible or shipping quality of the onions. Any one of the following defects, or combination of defects the seriousness of which exceeds the maximum allowed for any one defect, shall be considered as damage:

(a) Seedstems which are tough or woody, or which are more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter;

(b) Splits when well cured onions are not practically covered by an outer scale, or when fairly well cured onions are not completely covered by one outer scale;

(c) Dry sunken areas when the affected areas exceed the equivalent to

that of a circle $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter on an onion $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter which does not have the outer papery scale covering the affected areas or when the affected areas exceed the equivalent to that of a circle $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter on an onion $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter which has the outer papery scale covering the affected areas. Correspondingly lesser or greater areas are allowed on smaller or larger onions;

(d) Sunburn when dark green in color and affecting an area equivalent to that of a circle 1 inch in diameter on an onion $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter or correspondingly smaller or larger areas on smaller or larger onions, or when medium to light green in color and affecting more than 10 percent of the surface of the onion;

(e) Sprouting when any sprout is visible, or when concealed within the neck scales and are more than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in length on an onion 2 inches or larger in diameter, or proportionately shorter on smaller onions;

(f) Staining, dirt or other foreign material when more than 20 percent of the onions in a yellow, brown or red lot, or more than 15 percent of the onions in a white lot are appreciably stained. Onions with adhering dirt or other foreign matter shall be judged on the same basis as stained onions;

(g) Mechanical when any cut extends deeper than one fleshy scale, or when any bruise breaks a fleshy scale;

(h) Tops when more than 30 percent of the onions in a lot have tops 3 inches or more in length;

(i) New roots when most roots on an individual onion have grown to a length of 1 inch or more;

(j) Dry roots when practically all roots are 2 inches or more in length;

(k) Translucent scales when more than the equivalent of two entire outer fleshy scales have a watersoaked condition; and,

(l) Watery scales when more than the equivalent of the entire outer fleshy scale is affected by an off-color, watersoaked condition. The off-color must be of some shade of brown or yellow.

§ 51.3210 Serious damage.

Serious damage unless otherwise specifically defined in this section, means

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any defect which seriously affects the appearance, or the edible or shipping quality of the onions. Any one of the following defects, or any combination of defects the seriousness of which exceeds the maximum allowed for any one defect, shall be considered as serious damage:

- (a) Seedstems when more than 1/2 inch in diameter;
- (b) Dry sunken areas when extending deeper than one fleshy scale, or when affecting an area equivalent to that of a circle 1 inch in diameter on an onion 2 3/4 inches in diameter, or correspondingly lesser or greater areas on smaller or larger onions;
- (c) Sprouting when any visible sprout is more than 1/2 in length;
- (d) Staining, dirt or foreign material when more than 25 percent of the onions in any lot are badly stained. Onions with adhering dirt or other foreign matter shall be judged on the same basis as stained onions;
- (e) Mechanical when any cut extends deeper than two fleshy scales, or when cuts seriously damage the appearance of the onion; and,
- (f) Watery scales when more than the equivalent of two entire outer fleshy scales are affected by an off-colored, water-soaked condition. The off-color must be of some shade of brown or yellow.

§ 51.3211 Diameter.

Diameter means the greatest dimension of the onion at right angles to a line running from the stem to the root.

METRIC CONVERSION TABLE

§ 51.3212 Metric conversion table.

Inches	Millimeters *(mm)
1/8	3.2
1/4	6.4
3/8	9.5
1/2	12.7
5/8	15.9
3/4	19.1
7/8	22.2
1	25.4
1 1/4	31.8
1 1/2	38.1
1 3/4	44.5
2	50.8
2 1/2	63.5
2 3/4	69.9
3	76.2
3 1/2	88.9

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Inches	Millimeters *(mm)
4	101.6

Subpart—United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes for Processing¹

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§ 51.3410 Grades.

(a) "U.S. No. 1 Processing" consists of potatoes which meet the following requirements:

- (1) Basic requirements:
 - (i) Similar varietal characteristics;
 - (ii) Moderately firm; and,
 - (iii) Fairly well shaped.
- (2) Free from:
 - (i) Freezing or freezing injury;
 - (ii) Blackheart;
 - (iii) Late Blight Tuber Rot;
 - (iv) Southern Bacterial Wilt;
 - (v) Bacterial Ring Rot;
 - (vi) Insects, worms or larvae;
 - (vii) Soft rot and wet breakdown; and,
 - (viii) Loose sprouts, dirt and foreign material.

(3) Free from damage by any cause.
 (4) *Size*. Unless otherwise specified, individual potatoes shall be not less than 2 inches in diameter or 4 ounces in weight. Percentage(s) of a larger size(s) and/or a maximum size may be specified.

(b) "U.S. No. 2 Processing" consists of potatoes or usable pieces of potatoes which meet the following requirements:

- (1) Basic requirements:
 - (i) Similar varietal characteristics;
 - (ii) Moderately firm; and,
 - (iii) Not seriously misshapen.
- (2) Free from:
 - (i) Freezing or freezing injury;
 - (ii) Blackheart;
 - (iii) Late Blight Tuber Rot;
 - (iv) Southern Bacterial Wilt;
 - (v) Bacterial Ring Rot;
 - (vi) Insects, worms or larvae;

¹Compliance with the provisions of these standards shall not excuse failure to comply with provisions of applicable Federal or State laws.