

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

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REPORTS

§ 917.176 Pears.

(a) *Report of daily packout.* When requested by the Pear Commodity Committee, each shipper who ships pears shall furnish to the manager of the Control Committee or when designated to the Federal-State Inspection Service a report of the number of packages by container type, by variety and by district of origin, which the shipper packed during the preceding day.

(b) *Recapitulation of shipments.* When requested by the Pear Commodity Committee, each shipper of pears shall furnish to the manager of the Control Committee a recapitulation of his shipments. The recapitulation shall show: (1) The name of the shipper, (2) the shipping point, (3) the district of origin, (4) the variety, and (5) the number of packages, by size, for each container type.

(c) *Report of pears held in storage.* Each shipper who has pears under refrigeration in a storage warehouse shall upon request, file with the manager of the Control Committee within the time specified in the request an accurate report containing the following information:

(1) The name and address of the shipper; and

(2) The total quantity, as of the date specified in the request, of pears in storage outside of the State of California and in storage in the State of California.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 59 FR 10056, Mar. 3, 1994, § 917.176 was suspended, effective April 4, 1994.

EDITORIAL NOTE: After January 1, 1979, "Budget of Expenses and Rate of Assessment" regulations (e.g. sections .200 through .299) and "Handling" regulations (e.g. sections .300 through .399) which are in effect for a year or less, will not be carried in the Code of Federal Regulations. For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting these regulations, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and on GPO Access.

Subpart—Assessment Rates

§ 917.258 Assessment rate.

On and after March 1, 2007, an assessment rate of \$0.06 per 25-pound container or container equivalent of peaches is established for California peaches.

[72 FR 44978, Aug. 10, 2007]

§ 917.259 Delinquent assessments.

(a) The Peach Commodity Committee shall impose a late payment charge on any assessment that has not been received in the Peach Commodity Committee's office, or legibly postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service, within 60 days of the invoice date shown on the handler's assessment statement. The late payment charge shall be 10 percent of the unpaid balance.

(b) In addition to that specified in paragraph (a) of this section, the Peach Commodity Committee shall impose an interest charge on any assessment payment that has not been received in the Peach Commodity Committee's office, or legibly postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service, within 60 days of the invoice date. The interest charge shall be 1.5 percent per month and shall be applied to the unpaid balance and late payment charge for the number of days all or any part of the assessment specified in the handler's assessment statement is delinquent beyond the 60 day payment period.

[72 FR 25947, May 8, 2007]

Subpart—Container and Pack Regulation

§ 917.442 California Peach Container and Pack Regulation.

(a) During the period beginning April 1 and ending November 23, no handler shall ship any package or container of any variety of peaches marked "CA WELL MAT" or "California Well Matured" except in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(1) Such peaches, when packed in any closed package or container, except master containers of consumer packages, individual consumer packages, and five down Euro containers, shall conform to the requirements of standard pack: *Provided*, That peaches in any

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such volume-filled container need only be filled to within one-inch of the top of the container.

(2) Each package or container of peaches shall bear, on one outside end in plain sight and in plain letters, the word "peaches."

(3) Each package or container of peaches bearing the words "California Well Matured" or "CA WELL MAT" shall be well matured as defined in §917.459.

(4) Each package or container of peaches shall bear, on one outside end in plain sight and in plain letters, the name and address of the shipper.

(5) Each package or container of peaches, except consumer packages mailed directly to consumers, shall bear on one outside end in plain sight and in plain letters, the following count and/or size description of the peaches as applicable:

(i) The size of peaches packed in molded forms (tray-packs) in the No. 22D and No. 32 standard boxes, cartons, or consumer packages; No. 22G standard lug boxes or experimental containers; or No. 12B fruit (peach) boxes or flats; and the size of wrapped peaches packed in rows in No. 12B fruit (peach) boxes shall be indicated in accordance with the number of peaches in each container, such as "80 count," "88 count," etc.

(ii) The size of peaches in molded forms (tray-packs) in experimental containers, and in the No. 22G standard lug boxes, shall be indicated according to the number of such peaches when packed in molded forms in the No. 22D standard lug box or the No. 32 standard box, in accordance with the requirements of standard pack, such as "80 size," "88 size," etc., along with count requirements in paragraph (a)(5)(i) of this section.

(iii) The size of peaches loose-filled or tight-filled in any container shall be indicated according to the number of such peaches when packed in molded forms in No. 22D or No. 32 standard boxes, in accordance with the requirements of standard pack, such as "80 size," "88 size," etc.

(iv) The size of peaches, when packed in loose-filled or tight-filled containers, shall be marked in accordance with the following table 1 and table 2

which specify the tray-pack size designation in Column A with the corresponding maximum number of peaches in a 16-pound sample of each size of the fruit in Column B: *Provided*, That the following procedure shall be used in determining whether peaches meet the minimum size requirements specified for each size category in this section applying the 16-pound sample. A sample consisting of one-half of the specified number of fruit for a particular size category shall be used, provided such sample weighs at least eight pounds. When one-half the specified number of fruit in a sample results in a number ending with one-half a fruit, the smaller full number of fruit shall be used to determine the sample weight. If a sample fails with respect to minimum size requirements on the basis of an 8-pound sample, a 16-pound sample shall be used to determine if the fruit meets the minimum size requirements.

TABLE 1—WEIGHT-COUNT STANDARDS FOR ALL VARIETIES OF PEACHES (EXCEPT PEENTO TYPE PEACHES) PACKED IN LOOSE-FILLED OR TIGHT-FILLED CONTAINERS

Column A— Tray pack size designation	Column B— Maximum number of peaches in a 16-pound sample applicable to varieties specified in paragraphs (a)(2)(ii), (a)(3)(ii), (a)(4)(ii), (a)(5)(ii), and (b)(3) of §917.459
96	96
88	92
84	83
80	77
72	69
70	65
64	58
60	53
56	48
54	46
50	43
48	41
44	37
42	34
40	32
36	29
34	28
32	25
30	23
28	21
26	20

TABLE 2—WEIGHT-COUNT STANDARDS FOR ALL VARIETIES OF PEACHES (EXCEPT PEENTO TYPE PEACHES) PACKED IN LOOSE-FILLED OR TIGHT FILLED CONTAINERS

Column A— Tray pack size designation	Column B— Maximum number of peaches in a 16-pound sample applic- able to vari- eties specified in paragraphs (a)(6)(ii) and (c)(3) of §917.459
96	96
88	83
84	79
80	73
72	66
70	62
64	56
60	52
56	47
54	46
50	42
48	41
44	37
42	34
40	32
36	29
34	28
32	25
30	23
28	21
26	20

TABLE 3—WEIGHT-COUNT STANDARDS FOR PEENTO TYPE PEACHES PACKED IN LOOSE-FILLED OR TIGHT-FILLED CONTAINERS

Column A—Tray pack size designation	Column B— Maximum number of peaches in a 16-pound sample
80	140
72	128
70	111
64	99
60	93
56	87
54	80
50	77
48	74
44	70
42	68
40	59
36	53
34	50
32	39
30	32

(6) The variation in diameter between the smallest and largest peach in any individual container shall not exceed one-fourth (1/4) inch for size 80 and smaller and three-eighths (3/8) inch for peaches larger than size 80; *Provided*, That not

more than five (5) percent, by count, of the peaches in any individual container may fail to meet the diameter requirements of this paragraph.

(7) Each No. 22D standard lug box or No. 32 standard box of loose-filled peaches shall bear on one outside end, in plain sight and in plain letters, the words “25 pounds net weight.”

(8) Each No. 22E standard lug box of loose-filled peaches shall bear on one outside end, in plain sight and in plain letters, the words *35 pounds net weight*.

(9) Each bulk bin container of loose-filled peaches shall contain not less than 100 pounds net weight, and bear on one outside panel, in plain sight and in plain letters, the following information:

(i) The name and address (including zip code) of the shipper.

(ii) The net weight.

(10) Each master container when filled with peaches packed in consumer packages shall bear on one outside end in plain sight and in plain letters the following information:

(i) The number of individual consumer packages, the net weight of each consumer package, and the size description of the contents: *Provided*, That when consumer packages of different sizes of peaches are contained in a master container, the size description of the contents shall indicate the minimum size contained therein, using the terms “Minimum size 60 and larger,” or “Minimum size 70 and larger,” etc., as applicable.

(ii) The name and address (including zip code) of the shipper.

(11) Each individual consumer package shall bear the name and address, including the zip code, of the shipper and the net weight. When a consumer package is not in a master container, it must also bear the number of peaches contained in the package and be marked as specified in paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(b) As used in this section, “standard pack” and “fairly uniform in size” shall have the same meaning as set forth in the U.S. Standards for Grade of Peaches (Secs. 51.1210 to 51.1223) and all other terms shall have the same meaning as when used in the amended marketing agreement and order. A No. 12B standard fruit box measures 2 3/8 to

$7\frac{1}{8} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{8}$ inches, a No. 22D standard lug box measures $2\frac{7}{8}$ to $7\frac{1}{8} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{8}$ inches, a No. 22E standard lug box measures $8\frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 16$ inches, a No. 22G standard lug box measures $7\frac{3}{8}$ to $7\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{4} \times 15\frac{7}{8}$ inches, a No. 32 standard box measures $5\frac{3}{4}$ to $7\frac{1}{4} \times 12 \times 19\frac{3}{4}$ inches, a No. 35 standard box measures $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{15}{16} \times 15\frac{9}{16}$ to $15\frac{13}{16} \times 23\frac{1}{4}$ to $23\frac{3}{4}$ inches, and a No. 36 standard box measures 5 to $6\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{4} \times 17\frac{1}{4}$ inches. All dimensions are given in depth (inside dimensions) by width and by length (outside dimensions). "Individual consumer packages" means packages holding 15 pounds or less net weight of peaches. "Tree ripe" means "tree ripened" and fruit shipped and marked as "tree ripe," "tree ripened," or any similar terms using the words "tree" and "ripe" must meet the minimum California Well Matured standards.

(c) Each container of peaches in plastic, $12 \times 19\frac{3}{4}$ inch reusable and recyclable containers shall meet and bear, on the container lid or on the outside end, all applicable marking requirements under the order.

(d) During the period April 1 through November 23, each container or package when packed with peaches meeting "CA Utility" quality requirements, shall bear the words "CA Utility," along with all other required container markings, in letters at least $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in height on the visible display panel. Consumer bags or packages must also be clearly marked on the consumer bags or packages as "CA Utility," along with all other required markings, in letters at least $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in height.

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Subpart—Grade and Size Regulation

§917.459 California Peach Grade and Size Regulation.

(a) During the period beginning April 1 and ending November 23, no handler shall ship any package or container of any variety of peaches marked "CA WELL MAT" or "California Well Matured" except in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(1) Any lot or package or container of any variety of peaches shall meet the following requirements of U.S. No. 1 grade: *Provided*, That an additional 25 percent tolerance shall be permitted for fruit with open sutures which are damaged, but not seriously damaged: *Provided further*, That peaches of the Peento type shall be permitted blossom end cracking that is well healed and does not exceed the aggregate area of a circle $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter, and/or does not exceed a depth that exposes the pit; *Provided further*, That any handler may handle peaches if such peaches meet "CA Utility" quality requirements. The term "CA Utility" means that not more than 40 percent of the peaches in any container meet or exceed the requirement of the U.S. No. 1 grade, except that when more than 30 percent of the peaches in any container meet or exceed the requirements of the U.S. No. 1 grade, the additional 10 percent shall have non-scoreable blemishes as determined when applying the U.S. Standards for Grades of Peaches; and that such peaches are well mature and are:

(i) Free from insect injury which has penetrated or damaged the flesh; split pits which cause an unhealed crack or one or more healed cracks which, either singly or in the aggregate, are more than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length; and mold, brown rot, and decay; and

(ii) Free from serious damage due to cuts, skin breaks, growth cracks, bruises, scab, rust, blight, disease, hail or other causes. Damage to any peach is serious when it causes a waste of 10 percent or more, by volume, of the individual peach.

(iii) *Tolerances*. Not more than 10 percent, by count, of the peaches in any container may be below the requirements prescribed by this paragraph.