

Fresh Products Branch Directive

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Attachment

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Branch Chief
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EXHIBIT A: METHOD OF DETERMINING PERCENTAGES AND UNIT OF INSPECTION

COMMODITY	UNIT OF INSPECTION	SCORING BASIS
Bunched; Green Onions, Leeks, Shallots	Individual specimen	by count
Bunched Italian Sprouting Broccoli	Individual bunch	by count, unless bunches are not fairly uniform, or inspecting for size then by weight
Brussels Sprouts, Snap Beans	Individual specimen	by weight
Kale	If loose, individual specimen; if bunched individual bunch	by weight
*Kohlrabi	If loose, individual specimen; if bunched individual bunch	by count
Bunched; Carrots, Beets, Turnips, Radishes	Tops: Individual bunch Roots: Individual root	by count
Topped; Carrots, Radishes	Individual specimen	by 50 count
Topped or Short Trimmed Tops; Beets, Turnips, Rutabagas	Tops: Individual root with defect of top Roots: Individual root	by weight
Short Trimmed Tops; Carrots	Tops: Individual root with defect of leafstem Roots: Individual root	by count
Greens; Beet, *Broccoli Rabe, Collard, Dandelion, Mustard, Turnip, *Rapini	If loose, individual plant or leaf; if bunched, individual bunch	by weight (or equivalent basis if specimens or bunches are fairly uniform in size)

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Sweet Anise, *Belgian Endive, *Broccoli Crowns, Chicory, Endive, Escarole, *Ornamental Kale, Rhubarb, Field Grown, *Rhubarb, Hot House	Individual specimen	by count
Parsley, bunched	Individual bunch	by weight
Bunched Spinach, plants or leaves	Individual bunch	by count
Spinach Leaves	Individual leaves	by count
Spinach Plants	Individual plants	by weight
Peas, Fresh	Individual specimen	by weight
*Peas, Southern, Peas, Sugar, Snow	Individual specimen	by weight (or equivalent basis if specimens are uniform in size)
Miniature Vegetables	Individual specimen	same basis as non- Miniature vegetables
MISCELLANEOUS:		
*Arrugala, *Cilantro, *Coriandar, *Dill, *Lemon Grass, (bunched) *Long Beans, Chinese Beans, (bunched) *Mint, *Watercress	Individual bunch	by count
*Bamboo Shoots, *Bitter Melons, *Bok Choy, *Cactus Leaves, *Cardoon, Cardone, *Chayote, *Corn Salad, *Frizzee, *Indian Corn, *Kumquat, *Long Beans, Chinese Beans, (loose)	Individual specimen	by count

COMMODITY

UNIT OF INSPECTION

SCORING BASIS

*Nappa,
Radicchio,
*Star Fruit,
*Jerusalem Artichoke (place packed)
*Tamarillo,
*Tomatilla,
*Water Chestnut

Individual Specimen

by count

*Alfalfa Sprouts,
*Bean Sprouts,
*Celeriac, Celery Knobs,
*Celery Roots,
*Dasheen,
*Fiddle Heads, Fiddle Ferns,
*Ginger Roots,
*Gourds (Ornamental),
*Jerusalem Artichoke (jumble pack),
*Lemon Grass, (loose),
*Lo Bok, Chinese Turnip,
*Oyster Mushrooms,
*Salsify,
*Shiitake Mushrooms,
*Yam, true Yam,
*Yuca

Individual specimen

by weight

*Indicates commodity does not have a U.S. Grade Standard

