

Inspection and Specifications



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Topics

- Specialty Crops Inspection Division (SCI) Inspection Operations and Audit staff
- Checkloading Study
- Certification
- Panel discussion

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Checkloading Study

Data from 2046 loads of USDA Product
Checkloaded by 12 SCI Offices
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Checkloading Study Defects

- **Carrier Condition:** Holes in carrier, or doors could not be locked/sealed.
- **Condition of Cases:** Dirty, torn, or wet.
- **Condition of Primary Container:** Cans, bottles, or cartons out of condition (e.g., dents, rust, torn, etc.).
- **Count:** Number of containers incorrect.
- **Pallets:** Pallets damaged (e.g., broken boards) or product was not unitized on pallet.
- **Temperature:** Product or carrier did not meet temp. requirements.
- **Wrong Codes:** Product codes were not on the list of approved codes.
- **14-Day Hold:** Not met.
- **Other:** Wrong seal type or errors on contractor's shipping orders.

Checkloading Study - Data

TYPE DEFICIENCY	NUMBER OF DEFICIENCIES	PERCENT OF LOADS WITH DEFICIENCY
14-Day Hold	1	0.0%
Carrier Condition	101	4.9%
Condition of Cases	331	16.2%
Condition of Primary Container	382	18.7%
Count	19	0.9%
Pallets	118	5.8%
Temperature	18	0.9%
Wrong Codes	40	2.0%
Other	47	2.3%
Number of deficiencies found*	1,057	
Total Number of Loads with no deficiencies	1,268	62%
Total Number of Loads with deficiencies	778	38%
Total loads reviewed	2,046	

Certificate of Quality and Condition

- 2 weeks to 12 months (canned dried and dehydrated). Open 1/3 rate and update certificate
- 12 months or more (canned dried and dehydrated) or 6 months (frozen) complete inspection required
- Former AMS purchase for canned product 90 days

If no obvious change to lot is observed, F&V will consider accepting certificates for canned product within 12 months from time of original certification without additional sampling of lots.

Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables – 2014*
Commodity Specification for Canned Fruit – 2014*

* III. Inspection and Checkloading
A. Requirements

Questions?

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