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United States Standards for Grades of Okra

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Grade

51.3945 U.S. No. 1.

Unclassified

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Grade

§51.3945 U.S. No. 1.

"U.S. No. 1" consists of pods of okra of similar varietal characteristics which are fresh, tender, not badly misshapen, free from decay, and from damage caused by dirt or other foreign matter, disease, insects, mechanical or other means.

(a) In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the following tolerances, by weight, are provided as specified:

(1) Ten percent for pods in any lot which fail to meet the requirements of this grade, including therein not more than 5 percent for defects causing serious damage, and including in this latter amount not more than 1 percent for pods affected by decay.

Unclassified

§51.3946 Unclassified.

"Unclassified" consists of pods of okra which have not been classified in accordance with the foregoing grade. The term "unclassified" is not a grade within the meaning of these standards but is provided as a designation to show that no grade has been applied to the lot.

Definitions

§51.3947 Damage.

"Damage" means any defect, or any combination of defects, which materially detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the individual pod or of the lot as a whole.

§51.3948 Serious damage.

"Serious damage" means any defect, or any combination of defects, which seriously detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the individual pod or of the lot as a whole.

¹Packing of the product in conformity with the requirements of these standards shall not excuse failure to comply with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or with applicable State laws and regulations.