



Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Specialty Crops Inspection Division

METHOD OF DETERMINING PERCENTAGES OF VARIOUS COMMODITIES

To promote uniformity in the application of the U.S. grade standards and/or inspection of various commodities that do not have a grade standard, the following chart will be used to determine the method (count/weight/equivalent basis) of determining percentages as well as the unit of inspection (individual specimen, individual bunch, etc.) when inspecting any of the listed commodities.

Commodity Basis	Unit of Inspection	Scoring Basis
Bunched–Green Onions, Leeks, Shallots	Individual Specimen	Count
Bunched Italian Sprouting Broccoli	Individual Bunch	Count, unless bunches are not fairly uniform, or inspecting for size, then by weight
Brussel Sprouts, Snap Beans	Individual Specimen	Weight
Kale	If loose, individual specimen; if bunched, individual bunch	Weight
*Kohlrabi	If loose, individual specimen; if bunched, individual bunch	Count
Bunched–Carrots, Beets, Turnips, Radishes	Tops: Individual bunch; Roots: Individual root	Count
Topped–Carrots, Radishes	Individual Specimen	50 count
Topped or Short Trimmed Tops–Beets, Turnips, Rutabagas	Tops: Individual root with defect of top; Roots: Individual root	Weight
Short Trimmed Tops, Carrots	Tops: Individual root with defect of leaf stem; Roots: Individual root	Count
Greens–Beet, *Broccoli Rabe, Collard, Dandelion, Mustard, Turnip, *Rapini	If loose, individual plant or leaf; if bunched, individual bunch	Weight (or equivalent basis if specimens or bunches are fairly uniform in size)

Sweet Anise, *Belgian Endive, Broccoli Crowns, Chicory, Endive, Escarole, *Ornamental Kale, Rhubarb-Field Grown, *Rhubarb- Hot House	Individual Specimen	Count
Parsley, bunched	Individual Bunch	Weight
Bunched Spinach, plants or leaves	Individual Bunch	Count
Spinach Leaves	Individual Leaves	Count
Spinach Plants	Individual Plants	Weight
Peas, Fresh	Individual Specimen	Weight
Peas, Southern, Peas, *Sugar, Snow	Individual Specimen	Weight (or equivalent basis if specimens are uniform in size)
Miniature Vegetables	Individual Specimen	Same basis as non-Miniature vegetables
Miscellaneous:		
*Arugula, *Cilantro, *Coriander, *Dill, *Lemon Grass, (bunched) *Long Beans, Chinese Beans, (bunched) *Mint, *Watercress	Individual Bunch	Count
*Bamboo Shoots, *Bitter Melons, *Bok Choy, *Cactus Leaves, *Cardoon, *Cardone, *Chayote, *Corn Salad, *Frizzee, *Indian Corn, *Kumquat, *Long Beans, Chinese Beans, (loose) *Nappa, Radicchio, *Star Fruit, *Jerusalem Artichoke (placed packed), *Tamarillo, *Tomatilla, *Water Chestnut	Individual Specimen	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	Weight

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

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