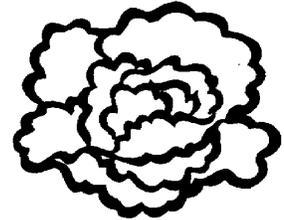




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- **PRODUCT:** Fresh Lettuce (LT)
- **ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:** Leaf and Romaine lettuce.
- **UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:** Ice Berg, salad mixtures, bagged, or precut lettuce.
- **AVAILABILITY:** Year round.
- **SAMPLE SIZE:** Minimum sample size is 200 grams or about 7 ounces.
- **PACKAGING AND SHIPPING:** Samples must remain properly cooled during shipping. Use a sufficient number of ice packs in each shipping container to keep the produce at a refrigerated temperature. Do not freeze samples. Desired temperatures 15° C or less.
- **ETHYLENE PRODUCER/SENSITIVE:** Yes.

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