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Voluntary U.S. grade standards are issued under the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, which provides for the development of official U.S. grades to designate different levels of quality. These grade standards are available for use by producers, suppliers, buyers, and consumers. As in the case of other standards for grades of fresh and processed fruits, vegetables, and specialty crops these standards are designed to facilitate orderly marketing by providing a convenient basis for buying and selling, for establishing quality control programs, and for determining loan values.

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Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

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Product Description

§52.6001 Product description.

Canned succotash is composed of cream-style or whole-grain corn and lima beans or snap beans, with or without tomatoes; may be packed with the addition of water, with or without the addition of sugar or salt; and is sufficiently processed by heat to assure preservation of the product in hermetically sealed containers.

§52.6002 U.S. Grade A.

U.S. Grade A canned succotash consists of cream-style or whole-grain sweet corn and lima or snap beans, which meet the requirements of U.S. Grade A, for the respective canned or frozen commodities. If tomatoes are an ingredient, they must meet the requirements of U.S. Grade A canned tomatoes for color and absence of defects.

§52.6003 U.S. Grade B.

U.S. Grade B canned succotash consists of cream-style or whole-grained sweet corn and lima or snap beans which meet the requirements of U.S. Grade B for the respective canned or frozen commodities. If tomatoes are an ingredient, they must meet the requirements of U.S. grade B canned tomatoes for color and absence of defects.

§52.6004 U.S. Grade C.

U.S. Grade C canned succotash consists of cream-style or whole-grain sweet corn and lima or snap beans which meet the requirements of U.S. Grade C for the respective canned or frozen commodities. If tomatoes are an ingredient, they must meet the requirements of U.S. Grade C canned tomatoes for color and absence of defects.

§52.6005 Substandard.

Substandard canned succotash is succotash that fails to meet the requirements of U.S. Grade C.

Proportion of Ingredients

§52.6006 Proportion of ingredients.

- (a) Federal certificates of grade shall indicate the approximate percentage of ingredients found upon examination. If whole-grain style corn is an ingredient, the percentage of ingredients shall be based on drained weight; otherwise, the percentage of ingredients shall be based on net weight.
- (b) The following mixtures of vegetables in canned succotash shall conform with the proportions indicated in Table No. I:
 - (1) Cream-style corn and snap beans.

- (2) Cream-style corn and lima beans (fresh or frozen).
- (3) Cream-style corn and lima beans (dry, “soaked”).
- (4) Cream-style corn, snap beans, and tomatoes.
- (5) Cream-style corn, lima beans (fresh or frozen), and tomatoes.
- (6) Cream-style corn, lima beans (dry, “soaked”), and tomatoes.
- (7) Whole-grain corn and snap beans.
- (8) Whole-grain corn and lima beans (fresh or frozen).
- (9) Whole-grain corn and lima beans (dry, “soaked”).
- (10) Whole-grain corn, snap beans, and tomatoes.
- (11) Whole-grain corn, lima beans (fresh or frozen), and tomatoes.
- (12) Whole-grain corn, lima beans (dry, “soaked”), and tomatoes.

Table No. I

	Proportions by weight	
	Not less than	Not more than
Vegetables	Percent	Percent
Corn	50	87 1/2
Snap beans	25	50
Lima beans, fresh	12 1/2	30
Lima beans, dry “soaked”	12 1/2	30
Tomatoes	10	30

Fill of Container and Drained Weight Method
§52.6007 Recommended fill of container.

The container shall be filled with succotash as full as practicable without impairment of quality. The product and packing medium shall occupy not less than 90 percent of the total volume capacity of the container.

§52.6008 Method for ascertaining drained weight.

Drained weights of canned succotash containing whole-grain corn are determined by emptying the contents of the container upon a circular sieve of proper diameter, containing eight meshes to the inch (0.097-inch perforations) and allow draining for 2 minutes. A sieve 8 inches in diameter is used for No. 2 1/2 cans and smaller, and a sieve 12 inches in diameter is used for No. 10 cans.

Work Sheet

§52.6009 Work Sheet for canned succotash.

Number, size, and kind of container			
Label			
Container marks or identification	Cans/Glass		Average
	Cases		
Net weight (ounces)			
Vacuum (inches)			
Drained weight (ounces)			
Percent of each	Corn (cream style)		
	Corn (whole kernel)		
	Snap beans		
	Lima beans (Green)		
	Lima beans (soaked)		
	Tomatoes		
Grade of each	Corn (cream style)		
	Corn (whole kernel)		
	Snap beans		
	Lima beans (Green)		
	Lima beans (soaked)		
	Tomatoes (color and defects)		
U.S. Grade			