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# **United States Standards for Grades of Green Tomatoes for Processing**

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## **Grades**

### **§51.1930 U.S. No. 1.**

U.S. No. 1 shall consist of tomatoes which are green in color, fairly firm, free from decay, stems and worms, and are free from damage caused by growth cracks, worm holes, scars, catfaces, sunburn, sunscald, freezing, disease, or mechanical or other means. (See §51.1933.)

### **§51.1931 U.S. No. 2.**

U.S. No. 2 shall consist of tomatoes which do not meet the requirements of the foregoing grade, but are green in color, and are free from worms, and from damage caused by worm holes, and which are free from serious damage by any cause. (See §51.1933.)

## **Culls**

### **§51.1932 Culls.**

Culls are tomatoes which fail to meet the requirements of either of the foregoing grades.

## **Size**

### **§51.1933 Minimum size.**

The minimum size may be fixed by agreement between buyer and seller. Tomatoes below the specified minimum size shall be classed as culls.

## **Definitions**

### **§51.1934 Green in color.**

"Green in color" means that the surface of the tomato shows no pink or red color.

### **§51.1935 Damage.**

"Damage" means any injury which cannot be removed in the ordinary process of trimming without a loss of more than 10 percent, by weight, of the tomato in excess of that which would occur if the tomato were perfect. The following shall be considered damage:

(a) Worm holes, when the injury has penetrated beneath the outer wall of the tomato to the extent

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<sup>1</sup>Compliance with the provisions 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.

that the injury has damaged the tomato for processing.

**§51.1936 Serious damage.**

"Serious damage" means any injury which cannot be removed in the ordinary process of trimming without a loss of more than 20 percent, by weight, of the tomato in excess of that which would occur if the tomato were perfect.