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STANDARDS FOR HAWAII GROWN ASPARAGUS*

This UNOFFICIAL COPY of standards for asparagus, rewritten for easy interpretation, is based on Chapter 4-41, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. The general provisions of this Chapter, summaries of standards for other fruits and vegetables, and official copies of the complete chapter are available in each county.

HAWAII NO. 1 (GRADE A)	HAWAII NO. 2 (GRADE B)	HAWAII NO. 3 (GRADE C)
<u>Basic Requirements</u>	<u>Basic Requirements</u>	<u>Basic Requirements</u>
Fresh (1)	Fresh (1)	Fresh (1)
Well trimmed (2)	Well trimmed (2)	Fairly well trimmed (3)
Fairly straight (4)	Not less than 50% shall meet the Hawaii No. 1 requirement for shape and color, with the remainder not seriously misshapen (5) or badly spread.	Not seriously misshapen (5) or badly spread.
Green color over not less than 2/3 of the stalk length.		
<u>Free From</u>	<u>Free From</u>	<u>Free From</u>
Decay	Decay	Decay
<u>Free From Damage (6)</u>	<u>Free From Serious</u>	<u>Free From Serious</u>
<u>Caused By</u>	<u>Damage (7) Caused By</u>	<u>Damage (7) Caused By</u>
Spreading or broken tips	Spreading or broken tips	Spreading or broken tips
Dirt	Dirt	Dirt
Disease	Disease	Disease
Insects	Insects	Insects
Mechanical or other means	Mechanical or other means	Mechanical or other means
<u>Size Requirement</u>	<u>Size Requirement</u>	<u>Size Requirement</u>
Minimum diameter (8)	Minimum diameter (8)	Minimum diameter (8)
1/2 inch, unless otherwise specified.	3/8 inch, unless otherwise specified.	1/4 inch, unless otherwise specified.
<u>Tolerances (count basis)</u>	<u>Tolerances (count basis)</u>	<u>Tolerances (count basis)</u>
Trimming: Not more than 5% may be not well trimmed.	Trimming: Not more than 10% may be not well trimmed.	Trimming: Not more than 10% may be not fairly well trimmed.
Other Defects: Total 10%; provided not more than 1% decay.	Other Defects: Total 10%; provided not more than 1% decay.	Other Defects: Total 10%; provided not more than 1% decay.
Off-size: Not more than 10% may fail to meet the diameter requirement.	Off-size: Not more than 10% may fail to meet the diameter requirement.	Off-size: Not more than 10% may fail to meet the diameter requirement.

*Numbers in parentheses following grade terms indicate where such terms are defined under "Definitions".

OFF-GRADE. "Off-Grade" is not a grade within the meaning of these standards, but is a descriptive term applicable to asparagus which have a market value, and designates a quality lower than the lowest applicable Hawaii, other states or the United States grade for asparagus.

APPLICATION OF TOLERANCES. Averages for the entire lot, based on examination of representative samples, shall be within the tolerances specified, but the contents of individual containers in any lot may vary from the specified tolerances subject to the following limitations:

When the tolerance specified is more than 5 percent, individual packages in any lot may contain not more than 1-1/2 times the tolerance, provided that at least one specimen which fails to meet the requirements shall be permitted in any container.

When the tolerance specified is 5 percent or less, individual packages in any lot may contain not more than double the tolerance, provided that at least one specimen which fails to meet the requirements shall be permitted in any container.

APPLICABLE GRADE TERMS. Asparagus shall be classified in accordance with the grading system designated below:

Wholesale Quantities - HAWAII NO. 1, HAWAII NO. 2, or HAWAII NO. 3,
whichever is applicable.

Consumer Packages
and Bulk Displays - HAWAII GRADE A, HAWAII GRADE B, or HAWAII GRADE C,
whichever is applicable.

DEFINITIONS.

- (1) "Fresh" means the stalk is not limp or flabby.
- (2) "Well trimmed" means at least 2/3 of the butt of the stalk is cut-off neatly at approximately right angles to the stalk's longitudinal axis.
- (3) "Fairly well trimmed" means at least 1/3 of the butt of the stalk is cut-off neatly at approximately right angles to the stalk's longitudinal axis and the butt is not stringy or frayed.
- (4) "Fairly straight" means the stalk is not more than moderately curved in one direction.
- (5) "Seriously misshapen" means the stalk has double curves or shepherd crooks, or is seriously flattened.
- (6) "Damage" means any defect or combination of defects which materially detracts from the appearance, or the edible or shipping quality of the asparagus.
- (7) "Serious damage" means any defect or combination of defects which seriously detracts from the appearance, or the edible or shipping quality of the asparagus.
- (8) "Diameter" means the greatest thickness of the stalk measured at a point approximately 1 inch from the butt.