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STANDARDS FOR HAWAII-GROWN LEAF LETTUCE\*

This UNOFFICIAL COPY of standards for leaf lettuce, 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)

Basic Requirements

Similar varietal characteristics (1)  
Fresh (2)  
Well trimmed (3)  
Well grown (4)  
Fairly clean (5)

Free From

Decay  
Seedstem

Free From Damage (6) Caused By

Coarse stem  
Bleached or discolored leaves  
Sprayburn  
Wilting  
Freezing  
Insects  
Mechanical or other means

Tolerances (count basis)

Total defects 10%; provided not more than 2% soft decay.

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

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:

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

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. Leaf lettuce shall be classified in accordance with the grading system designated below:

Wholesale Quantities - HAWAII NO. 1, provided that the lot meets the requirements of this grade.

Consumer Packages  
and Bulk Displays - HAWAII GRADE A, provided that the lot meets the requirements of this grade.

DEFINITIONS.

(1) "Similar varietal characteristics" means the plants in any lot have no distinct head formation and are of the same general type.

(2) "Fresh" means the leaves are not wilted.

(3) "Well trimmed" means the butt is trimmed off neatly close to the point of attachment of the first whorl of leaves and leaves which are more than slightly bleached or discolored have been removed.

(4) "Well grown" means the plants are not stunted or poorly developed.

(5) "Fairly clean" means the appearance of the plant is not materially affected by the presence of dirt or other foreign material.

(6) "Damage" means any defect or combination of defects which materially affects the appearance, or the edible or shipping quality of the lettuce.