

Grower's Packaging Guide

Fruit/Vegetable	Packaging Instructions
Apples	Use peck, $\frac{1}{2}$ bu or bu boxes, or peck or $\frac{1}{2}$ peck bags. Do not use baskets.
Asparagus	$\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ lb bunches all cut the same length. Pack in boxes with butts down.
Broccoli	Pack 10, 12, 14, or 16 heads per $\frac{1}{2}$ bu or 1-1/9 bu box. When cutting, leave several inches of stem on head.
Cabbage	Use 1 1/9 bu or 50 lb. cabbage boxes. Leave 3 or 4 rapper leaves when packing.
Cantaloupe	Pack in bins or 1-1/9 bu box. Pick at $\frac{1}{2}$ slip and grade all #1's in three sizes, small, medium, and large. Keep out all bad #2's.
Cauliflower	Pack in 1-1/9 bu or cauliflower boxes.
Celery	Pack in standard celery crate, 1-1/9 bu.
Cherry Tomatoes	Pack in 12 pint or 8 quart flats or peck boxes. Fill to level full. Pick at pink or solid red.
Cucumbers	Pack in $\frac{1}{2}$ bu, 1-1/9 bu or 24 count cucumber box with an even count in each. Cucumbers should be straight and 6-8 inches long. Keep out all crooks and #2's.
Eggplant	Pack in $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box. #1's should have no scars and not be misshapen. Baby, White or Japanese: Pack in $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box.
Endive	Pack in 1-1/9 bu box.
Gourds	#1 ornamental should be packed in $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box with good color mix. Large gourds should be packed in 1-1/9 bu box and clearly marked as such. Extra large gourds such as Turbans, Birdhouse, Snake, and Goose may be packed loose. Counts are a must.
Green Beans	Pack 10 lbs per $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box or 20 lbs per 1-1/9 bu box. Pick at early maturity. Straight slim varieties preferred. No wet picking and no washing.
Yellow Beans	Pack 10 lbs per $\frac{1}{2}$ bu, 20 lbs per 1-1/9 bu, or in peck box. Pick at early maturity. Straight slim varieties preferred. No wet picking.
Hull Peas	Pack in $\frac{1}{2}$ bu or peck boxes.
Indian Corn	Tie 3 ears per bunch. Pack 12, 24, or 36 bunches per box. Grade to uniform size ear.
Mini Corn	Tie 3 ears per bunch. Pack in $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box marked as #1 or #2. Count bunches.
Leeks	Tie 3 to 6 per bunch. Pack 12 or 24 bunches in 1-1/9 bu box.
Lima Beans	Pack in $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1-1/9 bu box. Pick at early maturity.
Lettuce	Pack in $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1-1/9 bu box.
Onions	Pack in 24 or 50 lb. bags, $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1-1/9 bu boxes, or bins. Weigh boxes. Weigh or count bins.
Peppers	$\frac{1}{2}$ or 1-1/9 bu box. Pack extra large, large, medium, and smalls. Sort for full color green, red, etc. Suntans separately. Misshapen as choppers. Boxes should be full with an even count in each.
Specialty Peppers	Cayenne, Jalapeno, Purple, Hungarian, etc. Pack in peck or $\frac{1}{2}$ bu boxes.

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Pickles	Pack in $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box. Grade to size: small (3-4"), medium (4-5") or mixed sizes. No yellow bellies.
Peaches	Pack in peck or $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box. Sized and graded.
Pears	Pack in peck or $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box. Sized and graded.
Plums	Pack 8 qt. to a flat or in peck or $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box.
Potatoes	Pack in 5, 10, 20 or 50 lb. potato bags. New potatoes may be packed in $\frac{1}{2}$ bu boxes. Fingerling potatoes may be packed in 3 lb. bags. All #1's must be graded to USDA standards. Grower name and address or grower # must be on all bags. Unmarked bags will be sold as unclassified.
Pumpkins	Loose in bins. Graded for uniformity in size with good quality stems. Counts or weight a must.
Sugar Pumpkins	1-1/9 bu box or loose in bins. Counts a must.
Radishes	Tie in bunches. 12 or 24 bunches per $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box. Add ice to maintain freshness.
Rhubarb	Tie in bunches. Pack in box with 12 bunches per box. Leave small amount of leaf.
Raspberries, Blueberries, Blackberries	8 or 12 pint containers per flat (no quarts).
Red Beets	Bunch uniform sizes and pack in 1-1/9 bu box. 12 bunches per box. Leave greens.
Patty Pan Squash	Pack in $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box.
Summer Squash	Pack in $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box.
Winter Squash, Butternut, Buttercup, Acorn, etc	Pack in 1-1/9 bu box, half bin or bin.
Spinach	Pack in 1-1/9 bu box with 13 lb per box or in $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. bags.
Spring Onions	Tie 12 or 24 bunches per $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1-1/9 bu box. Trim greens only enough to fit in box.
Strawberries	Pack in 8 qt. flats, level full. Pick at early ripe stage. Only clean top quality fruit. No overripe or small.
Sugar Peas	Pack in pecks or 10 lb. to $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box. Pick at early maturity.
Sweet Corn	Pack 5 doz (13 ears) per corn bag, or loose in bins. Must be counted. Leave shank.
Sweet Potatoes	Pack in $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1-1/9 bu box. Grade for size.
Tomatoes	10 or 20 lb box. Grade for size and color. Extra large, large, medium, small. No stems.
Watermelons	Grade for size and uniformity. Loose in bins or bulk. Must be counted.
Yellow Dolls	1-1/9 bu boxes or half bins. Must be counted.
Honey Dews	1-1/9 bu boxes or bins. Must be counted.
Turnips	Pack in $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1-1/9 bu box. Leave small amount of stems and roots.
Zucchini	Pack in $\frac{1}{2}$ bu box. Harvest 5-7" in length.