

**Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA**

**§ 29.6161**

U.S. grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
X2 .....	Fair Quality Straight Stripped. Heavy mature, close, inelastic, normal strength, narrow, and 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 75 percent. Tolerances: 5 percent crude, 5 percent frozen, and 25 percent injury.
X3 .....	Low Quality Straight Stripped. Heavy, immature, close, inelastic, weak, and narrow. Uniformity, 60 percent. Tolerances: 10 percent crude, 10 percent frozen, and 40 percent injury.

**§ 29.6129 Farm Filler (Y Group).**

This group consists of tobacco from the lower portion of the stalk and may include throw out leaves from the Binder and Stripper groups.

U.S. grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
Y1 .....	Fine Quality Farm Filler. Thin, ripe, open, semielastic, normal strength and width, and 12 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 85 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.
Y2 .....	Fair Quality Farm Filler. Thin, ripe, firm, inelastic, normal strength, and narrow. Uniformity, 75 percent. Tolerances: 5 percent crude, 5 percent frozen, and 25 percent injury.
Y3 .....	Low Quality Farm Filler. Thin, mature, close, inelastic, weak, and narrow. Uniformity, 60 percent. Tolerances: 10 percent crude, 10 percent frozen, and 40 percent injury.

**§ 29.6130 Nondescript (N Group).**

Tobacco which does not meet the minimum specifications or exceeds the tolerance of the lowest grade of any other group.

U.S. grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
N1 .....	First Quality Nondescript. Tolerances: 20 percent crude, 20 percent frozen, and 60 percent injury.
N2 .....	Second Quality Nondescript. Over 20 percent crude, over 20 percent frozen, or over 60 percent injury.

**§ 29.6131 Scrap (S Group).**

A byproduct of unstemmed and stemmed tobacco. Scrap accumulates from handling tobacco in farm buildings, warehouses, packing and conditioning plants, and stemmeries.

U.S. grades	Grade names and specifications
S .....	Loose, tangled, whole, or broken unstemmed leaves, or the web portion of tobacco leaves reduced to scrap by any process.

**SUMMARY OF STANDARD GRADES**

**§ 29.6155 Summary of standard grades.**

Three grades of binder	Three grades of stripper
B1 .....	C1
B2 .....	C2
B3 .....	C3
Three grades of straight stripped	Three grades of farm filler
X1 .....	Y1
X2 .....	Y2
X3 .....	Y3
Two grades of nondescript	One grades of scrap
N1 .....	S

Two grades of nondescript	One grades of scrap
N2 .....	

Tobacco not covered by standard grades is designated as "No-G."

**KEY TO STANDARD GRADEMARKS**

**§ 29.6161 Key to standard grademarks.**

Groups	Qualities
B—Binder .....	1—Fine.
C—Stripper .....	2—Fair.
X—Straight Stripped .....	3—Low.
Y—Farm Filler	
N—Nondescript	
S—Scrap	