

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 51.2950

(a) *Availability of color chart.* The USDA Walnut Color Chart cited in this subpart has been filed with the original document and is available for inspection in the Office of the Federal Register. The color chart is also available for inspection in the Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, in any field office of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, or upon request of any authorized inspector of such Service. Copies of the color chart may be purchased from Munsell Color Co., Inc., 2441 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, Md. 21218.

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§ 51.2947 Method of inspection.

In determining the grade of a lot of walnuts, all of the nuts in the sample first should be graded for size and then examined for external defects. The same nuts then should be cracked and examined for internal defects. The nuts must meet the requirements for both external and internal quality in order to meet a designated grade.

GRADES

§ 51.2948 U.S. No. 1.

“U.S. No. 1” consists of walnuts in shells which are dry, practically clean, bright and free from splits, injury by discoloration, and free from damage caused by broken shells, perforated shells, adhering hulls or other means. The kernels are well dried, free from decay, dark discoloration, rancidity, and free from damage caused by mold, shriveling, insects or other means. (See § 51.2954.)

(a) At least 70 percent, by count, of the walnuts have kernels which are not darker than “light amber” (see color chart), and which are free from grade defects: *Provided*, That at least four-sevenths of the above amount, or 40 percent of the walnuts have kernels which are not darker than “light” (see color chart). Higher percentages of nuts with kernels not darker than “light amber” which are free from grade defects and/or higher percentages with

kernels not darker than “light” which are free from grade defects, may be specified in accordance with the facts. (See § 51.2954.)

(b) Size shall be specified in connection with the grade. (See § 51.2952.)

§ 51.2949 U.S. No. 2.

“U.S. No. 2” consists of walnuts in shells which are dry, practically clean and free from splits, and free from damage caused by broken shells, perforated shells, adhering hulls, discoloration or other means. The kernels are well dried, free from decay, dark discoloration, rancidity, and free from damage caused by mold, shriveling, insects or other means. (See § 51.2954.)

(a) At least 60 percent, by count, of the walnuts have kernels which are not darker than “light amber” (see color chart), and which are free from grade defects. Higher percentages of nuts with kernels not darker than “light amber” which are free from grade defects, and/or percentages with kernels not darker than “light” (see color chart) which are free from grade defects, may be specified in accordance with the facts. (See § 51.2954.)

(b) Size shall be specified in connection with the grade. (See § 51.2952.)

§ 51.2950 U.S. No. 3.

“U.S. No. 3” consists of walnuts in shells which are dry, fairly clean, free from splits, and free from damage caused by broken shells, and free from serious damage caused by discoloration, perforated shells, adhering hulls or other means. The kernels are well dried, free from decay, dark discoloration, rancidity, and free from damage caused by mold, shriveling, insects or other means. (See § 51.2954.)

(a) There is no requirement in this grade for the percentage of walnuts having kernels which are “light amber” or “light”. However, the percentage, by count, of nuts with kernels not darker than “light amber” (see color chart) which are free from grade defects and/or the percentage with kernels not darker than “light” (see color chart) which are free from grade defects, may be specified in accordance with the facts. (See § 51.2954.)

(b) Size shall be specified in connection with the grade. (See § 51.2952.)