

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 51.699

SAMPLE FOR GRADE OR SIZE
DETERMINATION

§ 51.690 Sample for grade or size determination.

Each sample shall consist of 50 oranges. When individual packages contain at least 50 oranges, the sample is drawn from one package; when individual packages contain less than 50 oranges, a sufficient number of adjoining packages are opened to form a 50-count sample. When practicable, at point of packaging, the sample may be obtained from the grading belt or bins after sorting has been completed.

STANDARD PACK

§ 51.691 Standard pack for oranges except Temple variety.

(a) Fruit shall be fairly uniform in size. When packed in approved containers, fruit shall be arranged according to the approved and recognized methods.

(b) "Fairly uniform in size" means that not more than the number of fruit permitted in § 51.689, Tables I and II, are outside the ranges of diameters given in Table III:

TABLE III— $\frac{7}{10}$ BUSHEL CARTON

Pack size/number of oranges	Diameter in inches	
	Minimum	Maximum
24	$3\frac{1}{16}$	$5\frac{1}{16}$
32	$3\frac{9}{16}$	$4\frac{9}{16}$
36	$3\frac{1}{16}$	$4\frac{9}{16}$
40	$3\frac{3}{16}$	$4\frac{1}{16}$
48	$2\frac{1}{2}$	4
56	$2\frac{1}{16}$	$3\frac{1}{16}$
64	$2\frac{1}{16}$	$3\frac{1}{16}$
72	$2\frac{9}{16}$	$3\frac{3}{16}$
88	$2\frac{9}{16}$	$3\frac{1}{16}$
113	$2\frac{7}{16}$	3
138	$2\frac{9}{16}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$

(c) In order to allow for variations, other than sizing, incident to proper packing, not more than 5 percent of the packages in any lot may fail to meet the requirements of standard pack.

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STANDARD SIZING

§ 51.692 Standard sizing.

(a) Boxes, cartons, bag packs, or bulk loads in which oranges are not packed according to a definite pattern do not

meet the requirements of standard pack, but may be certified as meeting the requirements of standard sizing: *Provided*, that the ranges are fairly uniform in size as defined in § 51.691.

(b) In order to allow for variations incident to proper packing, not more than 5 percent of the containers in any lot may fail to meet the requirements of standard sizing.

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DEFINITIONS

§ 51.693 Mature.

Mature shall have the same meaning currently assigned that term in the laws and regulations of the State in which the orange is grown; or as the definition of such term may hereafter be amended.

§ 51.694 Similar varietal characteristics.

Similar varietal characteristics means that the fruits in any container are similar in color and shape.

§ 51.695 Well colored.

Well colored means that the fruit is yellow or orange in color with practically no trace of green color.

§ 51.696 Firm.

Firm as applied to common oranges, means that the fruit is not soft, or noticeably wilted or flabby; as applied to oranges of the Mandarin group (Satsuma, King, Mandarin), means that the fruit is not extremely puffy, although the skin may be slightly loose.

§ 51.697 Well formed.

Well formed means that the fruit has the shape characteristic of the variety.

§ 51.698 Smooth texture.

Smooth texture means that the skin is thin and smooth for the variety and size of the fruit.

§ 51.699 Injury.

Injury means any specific defect described in § 51.713, Table IV; or an