

NORTH COUNTRY GROWN COOPERATIVE, INC.

PRODUCE PACKING GUIDELINES

Product	Packaging	Storage Temp.	Comments
Apples	Bushel	32	88-100/bushel-eating apples
Yellow or Green String Beans	20lbs/waxed 1 1/9 bushel box or bushel crate	40	uniform/pencil thick/ends do not have to be trimmed/no mold
Beets	25lbs/waxed 1 1/9 bushel box	32	uniform size 1 1/2" – 3" diameter. clean/ trim roots and leaves to 1/2"
Broccoli	broccoli box- 20 lbs	32	green firm heads with no branches/no worms
Cabbage-all	50lbs/bag	32	8" – 10" minimum head size/no worms
Carrots	50lbs/bag	32	no forks, straight 2" diameter at top/remove greens/ free of dirt
Cauliflower	Waxed cabbage box-20lbs	32	solid, uniform trimmed ALL WHITE heads/no worms
Corn	48 ears/bag or box	32	slight borer damage accepted
Cucumbers	40lbs/waxed 1 1/9 bushel box	50	straight 6"-8" or longer/1"-2" diameter
Eggplant	25lbs/waxed 1 1/9 bushel box	45-50	Clean, short stem
Herbs	4oz food grade bag	32-50	parsley 32°, cilantro 40°, basil 45°-50°/no yellow leaves/basil leaves should be removed from the stem
Lettuce-heads	24 in lettuce box	32	cool quickly
Lettuce mix	3lbs/food grade bag	32	cool quickly
Melons-cantaloupe honeydew watermelon	Melon box - 30lb minimum Melon box- 30lb minimum 1/ea/box	32 45	7"diameter, uniform, ripe-not overripe
Onions – yellow red	50 lbs/bag 25 lbs/bag	32	minimum sizes yellow 4"-5" diameter red 3" – 4" diameter
Onions – scallions	48 quarter pound bunches	32	no dirt/trim roots to 1/2"/ uniform size
Peppers – green, red, yellow, orange	25lbs/waxed 1 1/9 bushel bx 11lbs/waxed 1/2 bushel bx	50	minimum 3" diameter
Peas – snow/snap	10lbs/ 1/2 bushel box	32	chill immediately, uniform, not overly mature
Peppers – hot	10lbs/waxed 1/2 bushel box	50	clean

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Potatoes, Red (new)	50lbs.bag or box	40	maximum diameter 1 ½”/washed/ nice skin, no damage
Radish	1 lb food grade bag	32	clean, smooth, well-formed/trim roots and leaves to ½”
Spinach	10lbs loose in waxed 1 1/9 bushel box- food grade bag	32	fresh, no yellow leaves or seed stems
Squash-summer/zucchini	20lbs/ ½ bushel box	45	1 ½” – 2” diameter/ straight/remove blossoms
Squash-winter	35-50lbs/ 1 1/9 waxed bushel box	50	fill 1 1/9 bushel box/ clean/ remove blossoms
Strawberries	6 quarts	32	no dirt or damaged berries
Tomato – cherry/ grape	6 quarts	50	clean
Tomato – slicing	25lbs/ tomato box	55	no stems, firm, ripe, 3” – 3 ½” diameter (will fit in top of styrofoam coffee cup)
Turnip	20lbs/bag	32	Well-washed/uniform size 3”

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