

WAC 16-442-100 Tolerances for winter pears. (1)(a) For all grades, no more than ten percent of the pears in any container may be below the grade requirements of this chapter, including no more than five percent may be seriously damaged by insects, and not more than one percent may be allowed for decay or internal breakdown.

(b) No more than five percent of the pears in any container may be out of compliance with the size requirements of this chapter, except when both maximum and minimum sizes are stated on the container.

(c) When both maximum and minimum sizes are stated on the container, an additional ten percent tolerance is allowed for pears that are larger than the maximum stated size.

(d) No more than ten percent of the containers in any lot may be out of compliance with the packing requirements of this chapter.

(2) When applying the tolerances in subsection (1) of this section to the U.S. combination grade, tolerances may not be used to reduce the percentage of U.S. No. 1 pears required in the combination. However, if the entire lot averages within the specified percentage, individual containers may contain up to ten percent less than the percentage of U.S. No. 1 pears required.

(3) The tolerances for the standards are on a container basis. However, individual packages in any lot may vary from the specified tolerances if the averages for the entire lot, based on sample inspection, are within the tolerances specified.

(a) For a tolerance of ten percent or more, individual packages in any lot may contain not more than one and one-half times the tolerance specified. When the package contains fifteen specimens or less, individual packages may contain not more than double the tolerance specified.

(b) For a tolerance of less than ten percent, individual packages in any lot may contain not more than double the tolerance specified. At least one specimen that does not meet the requirements is allowed in any one package.

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