

**WAC 16-403-064 Color requirements.** (1) Faded brown stripes may not be considered as color.

(2) The color requirements for any variety may not be less than those required under the United States standards for the varieties and the respective variety grades of apples under 7 C.F.R. Sec. 51.305 (effective December 19, 2002), which color standards are incorporated by reference.

(3) Solid red varieties: The color percentage requirement stated below refers to the area of the surface which must be covered with a good shade of solid red characteristic of the variety. However, an apple having color of a lighter shade of solid red or striped red than that considered as a good shade of red characteristic of the variety may be admitted to a grade provided it has sufficient additional area covered so that the apple has as good an appearance as one with the minimum percentage of good red characteristic of the variety required for the grade, subject to the limitations set forth below.

Color shade percentages for solid red varieties.

Variety	Extra Fancy Good Shade Percent	Extra Fancy Lighter Shade Percent	Fancy Good Shade Percent	Fancy Lighter Shade Percent
Beacon	33 1/3	33 1/3	15	15
Empire	50	66	33	40
Idared	66	66	40	40
Jonathan	50	66	33	40
Melrose	66	66	40	40
Red Delicious	66	66	40	40
Red Rome	66	66	40	40
Spartan	50	66	33	40
Winesap	66	66	40	40
Other similar varieties	50	66	33	40
Red sport varieties	66	66	40	40

(4) Striped red varieties:

The percentage stated refers to the area of the surface in which stripes of a good shade of red characteristic of the variety predominate over stripes of lighter red, green or yellow. However, an apple having color of a lighter shade than that considered as a good shade of red characteristic of the variety may be admitted to a grade provided it has sufficient additional area covered so that the apple has as good an appearance as one with the minimum percentage of good red characteristic of the variety required for the grade, subject to the limitations set forth below.

Color requirements for striped or partial red varieties.

Variety	Extra Fancy Good Shade Percent	Extra Fancy Lighter Shade Percent	Fancy Good Shade Percent	Fancy Lighter Shade Percent
Akane	33 1/3	33 1/3	15	15
Cameo	33 1/3	33 1/3	15	15
Cortland	50	50	33	33
Delicious	50	50	25	25
Red Fuji	50	50	33	33
Red Gala	50	50	33	33
Honeycrisp	33 1/3	33 1/3	15	15
Jonamac	50	50	33	33
Liberty	33 1/3	33 1/3	15	15

Variety	Extra Fancy Good Shade Percent	Extra Fancy Lighter Shade Percent	Fancy Good Shade Percent	Fancy Lighter Shade Percent
Early McIntosh	33 1/3	33 1/3	15	15
McIntosh	35	50	15	33
Nittany	25	25	10	10
Rome	35	50	15	33
Rome Beauty	50	50	33	33
Starkrimson	33 1/3	33 1/3	15	15
Stayman	50	50	33	33
Tydeman Red	33 1/3	33 1/3	15	15
Winesap	50	50	25	25
York	50	50	33	33
Other similar varieties	50	50	25	25

(5) Red cheeked or blushed varieties.

(a) Blush cheek means at least ten percent of the surface has blush color characteristic of the variety.

(b) Tinge of color means the apples has any amount of the surface area of blush type color which predominates over the background color of the apple.

(c) Color requirements for red cheeked or blushed varieties:

Variety	Extra Fancy Percent	Fancy Percent
Ambrosia	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Arlet or Swiss Gourmet	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Braeburn	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Envy	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Elstar	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Fuji	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Gala	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Gala Supreme	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Royal Gala	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Blushing Golden Delicious	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Jazz	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Jonagold	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Lady Alice	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Molleys Delicious	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Pacific Rose	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Pinata	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Pomona	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Sonata	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Sonya	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Swiss Gourmet or Arlet	Blush cheek	Tinge of color
Other similar varieties	Blush cheek	Tinge of color

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