

**WAC 16-403-190 Tolerances.** In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading, sizing and firmness in each of the foregoing grades, the following tolerances are provided as specified:

(1) Defects: Washington extra fancy, Washington fancy and Washington C grade.

Ten percent of the apples in any lot may fail to meet the requirements of the grade, but not more than five percent shall be allowed for apples which are seriously damaged, including therein not more than one percent for apples affected by decay or internal breakdown.

(2) Combination grades. When applying the foregoing tolerances to combination grades, no part of any tolerance may be allowed to reduce, for the lot as a whole, the percent of apples of the higher grade required in the combination.

Combinations requiring eighty percent of the higher grade for the lot shall not have less than sixty-five percent of the higher grade in individual samples.

Combinations requiring fifty percent of the higher grade for the lot shall not have less than forty percent of the higher grade in individual samples.

(3) Size. When size is designated by the numerical count for a container, not more than five percent of the apples in the lot may vary more than one-half inch in diameter. When size is designated by minimum or maximum diameter or weight, not more than five percent of the apples in any lot may be smaller than the designated minimum and not more than ten percent may be larger than the designated maximum.

(4) Firmness. Not more than ten percent of the apples in any lot of Red Delicious, Delicious, Golden Delicious, Jonagold, and Gala varieties may fail to meet the firmness requirements as defined in WAC 16-403-144.

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