

Product Specifications

Plums



Grade: Well Mature

A Nature's Partner[™] Well Mature package consists of plums of one variety which are well mature, well formed, and firm. The fruit should yield slightly to gentle palm pressure (6-8 lbs) when compressed. The fruit is clean and free from decay, diseases, growth cracks, insects, bruises, and surface blemishes are minor, if any. The fruit shall have 95% color, depending on variety. Nature's Partner[™] Well Mature also means that the fruit has reached a point of good plum flavor for that variety.

Size Requirements –

Size designations for plums are the same for tray pack and volume fill. For example, a size 30 plum has an average diameter of 2-14/16", three plums weigh approximately one pound, and a size 30 standard volume fill 28 lb box has a maximum of 84 plums. A size 30 tray pack standard container contains 30 plums. Each size, 20-170, has a set of comparable specifications.

(a) Tray pack containers shall show the numerical count, which is the fruit size, on the container.

(1) Each container shall have the numerical count plainly marked on the end of the container.

(b) Volume fill packages shall have the numerical count plainly marked on the end of the container. The weight-count standards are governed by the California Ag Code. These standards are updated annually.

(1) Each container shall have the net weight plainly marked on the outside of the container.

Standard Pack –

(a) Tray pack containers shall have the individual cells of the tray tightly filled with no loose fruit. Each container shall be packed so that the plums in the shown face shall be reasonably representative in size, color and percentage of color, and quality of the contents of the package.

(b) Plums packed in Volume Filled boxes shall be of uniform size and well filled. "Well filled" means that the plums are packed within 1 inch of the top of the container in most cases.

Defects –

(a) The most serious defect is decay, which is defined as the breakdown of cell walls. Secondary to decay is rot and mold. No decay is tolerated in a Nature's Partner™ box.

(b) Very minor cosmetic defects like scarring or limb rub cannot exceed an aggregate of 1/4" per fruit with an average of no more than 5% having minor defects.

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