

LEEKs

Product Requirements			
Cleanliness	Free from dust, insect stains, or other foreign substances. See defect allowances regrading soil.		
Shape	Typical of variety. Slight variation permitted. See grade allowances.		
Sizing	Cut to fit container. See grade allowances.		
Freshness	Crisp, young and tender.		
Trim	Bulbs to remain intact and leaves cut to length. See grade allowances.		
Grade Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Colour, freshness			
Bulbs	Clear white >150mm	Clear white at base	Clear white at base
Tops	Fresh, firm, green	Fresh, firm, green	<20% with some wilting
Shape	Straight	Straight	Bent stems accepted
Sizing	30-40mm diameter	25-60 diameter	25-60 diameter
Variation (diameter)	<25% in any package	<50% in any package	<100% in any package
Stem length	>10cm to split of outer leaf base	>8cm to split of outer leaf base	Variation accepted
Maturity	No evidence of a seed head	No evidence of a seed head	<10% with evidence of a seed head developing
Trim			
Leaves	Cut square	Cut square	Variable cut accepted
Bulb	Cut square, no partial outer leaf remaining	Cut square, no partial outer leaf remaining	Angle cuts and partial leaves accepted
Roots remaining	Nil	<5% any stem	<10% any stem
Defect Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Cuts, splits, bruises	Nil	<5% of stems	<10% of stems
Slimy leaf, disease	Nil	<5% of heads	<10% of heads
Soil	Fully clean	Bulb fully clean. Some soil on leaf accepted	Soil incidental to harvesting