

LETTUCE (ICEBERG)

Product Requirements			
Cleanliness	Free from dust, insect stains, dirt (except unavoidable soil incidental to harvesting), or other foreign substances.		
Shape	Typical of variety. Slight variation permitted.		
Sizing	<25% variation in visual size in any one container.		
Freshness	Fresh, cool and moist.		
Grade Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Colour	True to variety.	True to variety.	Variation accepted on outer leaves.
Sizing	>600grams per head	>600grams per head	>400grams per head
Maturity	Fully formed and firm heart, but not solid	Firm heart, but not solid	Solid or reasonably firm hearts accepted
Wrapper leaves	Minimum necessary to protect heads	Minimum necessary to protect heads	May be without wrapper leaves
Trim of stem	Cut fresh and flush. No part or partly cut stalks	Cut flush. No part leaf stalks	Cut flush
Defect Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Wrapper leaves			
Disease/pest damage	5% by area.	On <10% of heads.	>10% by area.
Weather damage	5% by area.	<10% by area.	>10% by area.
Hearts; damaged			
Disease/weather	Nil.	<10% by area accepted on 25% of heads.	<10% of area.
Splitting	Nil	Nil	<20% of heads.
Bruised or broken mid-ribs			
Hearts	25% of heads.	25% of heads.	25% of heads.
Hollow/seedy heads	Nil	Nil	<10%
Base rots	Nil	<1 sq cm.	>1 sq cm.