

## SILVERBEET

Product Requirements			
Cleanliness	Free from dust, insect stains or other foreign substances.		
Shape	Typical of variety. Slight variation permitted.		
Stems	Main season; stems to be separate. Late winter; whole plants accepted, roots to be trimmed.		
Maturity	No evidence of seed head accepted.		
Grade Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Colour	Leaves dark green, stem white, shiny waxed look	Leaves dark green, stems white, shiny waxed look	Leaves green, stem near white
Individual and main stems of whole plants			
Width	25-55mm	20-65mm	Variation accepted
Length to leaf base	14-22cm	8-25cm	Variation accepted
Leaf			
Length	50-65% of total stem	45-70% of total stem	Variation accepted
Form	Evenly crinkled	Even. Flat or crinkled	Variation accepted
Stem Trim			
Individual stems	Cleanly broken. No stems damaged	Cleanly broken. <10% stems damaged	Uneven breaking accepted
Whole plants	Cut clean, all stems intact	Cut clean, all stems intact	Cleanly cut
Defect Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Blemish, disease	Nil	<5% of leaves affected	<15% of leaves affected
Damage			
Physical	Nil	Slight damage accepted	Moderate damage accepted
Insect, slug	Nil	<5% of leaves, stems	<15% of leaves, stems
Soil	Nil	Moderate harvesting soil accepted	Moderate harvesting soil accepted