

SPINACH

Product Requirements			
Shape	Plants to be whole and typical of variety. Slight variation permitted.		
Colour, freshness	Green, fresh, crisp and characteristic of variety. See grade allowances.		
Cleanliness	Free from dirt (except soil at point of attachment to roots), dust, insect stains or other foreign substances.		
Grade Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Colour	Free from yellowing	Free from yellowing	Substantially free from yellowing
Size			
Individual plants	>150mm long	>150mm long	>100mm long
Variation (length)	<25% in any package	<50% in any package	Variation accepted
Root Trim	<1.0cm, but with base intact	<1.0cm, but with base intact	<2.0cm, but with base intact
Defect Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Ripped/bruised leaves	<2 leaves per plant	<4 leaves per plant	Accepted
Broken stems	Nil	<2 per plant	<4 per plant
Insect damage	Nil	<10% of leaves, stems on each plant	<20% of leaves, stems on each plant
Rots, disease	Nil	<5% of plants	<10% of plants
Maturity	No evidence of a seed head	No evidence of a seed head	<10% of plants with evidence of a seed head