

SPRING ONIONS

Product Requirements			
Cleanliness	Roots must be washed and substantially free of soil. See grade allowances. Free from dust, insect stains or other foreign substances.		
Shape	Typical of variety. Slight variation permitted. See grade allowances.		
Freshness	Firm stem and crisp leaves.		
Packing	Leaves cut to fit container. May be either totally bunched or loose.		
Grade Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Colour, freshness			
Bulbs	Clear white > 30mm	Clear white > 30mm	Clear white at base
Leaves	Deep green, fresh, no yellowing	Deep green, fresh, no yellowing	Green, slight yellowing accepted
Shape	Straight	Straight	Some bent stems accepted
Sizing (diameter)	Bulb 8-12mm	Bulb 8-15mm	Variation accepted
Trim			
Roots	Cut square < 30mm	Either cut square < 30mm, or untrimmed	Untrimmed roots accepted
Bulb	Bulb intact, outer husk totally removed	Bulb intact. <20% of stems with partially removed outer husks	Moderate cutting of bulbs, partially removed outer husks accepted
Defect Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Cuts, broken leaves	Nil	<10% of plants	<20% of plants
Rots, disease, leaf spot	Nil	Nil	<5% of plants
Soil	Nil	Bulb/roots fully clean. Some leaf soil accepted	Soiled incidental to harvesting