02.02.05 – Rules Governing Stone Fruit Grades

000. Legal Authority.

Sections [22-702](https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title22/t22ch7/sect22-702/), [22-703](https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title22/t22ch7/sect22-703/), and [22-803](https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title22/t22ch8/sect22-803/), Idaho Code. (3-31-22)

001. Title And Scope.

01. These rules specify the general requirements for the inspection and grading of plums, prunes, sweet cherries, and apricots in the state of Idaho. (3-31-22)

002. – 003. (Reserved)

004. DEFINITIONS

01. Clean. The fruit is practically free from dirt, dust, spray residue, or other foreign material.

(3-31-22)

02. Damage. Any specific defect or any equally objectionable variation of defects, that materially detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the fruit.

03. Diameter. The greatest dimension measured at right angles to a line from the stem to the blossom end of the fruit. (3-31-22)

04. Mature. The fruit has reached the stage of growth that will insure the proper completion of the ripening process. (3-31-22)

05. Permanent Defects. Defects that are not subject to change during shipping or storage, to indicate that it occurred prior to shipment.

06. Serious Damage. Any specific defect or an equally objectionable variation of defects that seriously detracts from the appearance or the edible or marketing quality of the fruit.

07. Similar Varietal Characteristics. Fruit in any container are similar in color and shape.

(3-31-22)

SUBCHAPTER A – PRUNES AND PLUMS

120. Idaho Hail Grade, Prunes Or Plums.

This grade consists of plums or prunes of one variety or similar varietal characteristics that meet all requirements of the U.S. No. 1 grade provided that not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) by count may show hail marks that are well healed. (3-31-22)

121. -- 129. (Reserved)

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131. -- 139. (Reserved)

140. Italian Prunes.

01. Idaho No. 1. Idaho No. 1 to be exactly as the specifications and definitions of the current U.S. No. 1 with the one (1) exception as follows: Subparagraph (a) of [7 CFR § 51.1521](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-I/subchapter-C/part-51) effective March 29, 2004, delete the words “be fairly well colored” and insert in lieu thereof “have two-thirds (2/3) of the surface with purplish color,” thus sub (a) of [7 CFR § 51.1521](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-I/subchapter-C/part-51) will read, “Italian type prunes shall have two-thirds (2/3) of the surface with purplish color and, unless otherwise specified, shall not be less than one and one-fourth (1-1/4) inches in diameter.” (See [7 CFR § 51.1525](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-I/subchapter-C/part-51)). (3-31-22)

02. Nomenclature. The nomenclature, U.S. No. 1 of [7 CFR § 51.1521](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-I/subchapter-C/part-51) will read “Idaho No. 1.” All other factors of the United States Standards for Fresh Plums and Prunes, effective March 29, 2004, remains in force and effect in defining the definitions of the rules of Idaho No. 1, as well as handbooks, administrative directives, base color minimum and applications thereof. (3-31-22)

141. -- 209. (Reserved)

SUBCHAPTER B – Sweet Cherries

(3-31-22)

211. – 219. (Reserved)

220. Idaho No. 1 Grade.

01. Idaho No. 1. Idaho No. 1 will consist of sweet cherries that meet the following requirements: Similar varietal characteristics; maturefairly well colored, meaning at least ninety-five (95%) percent of the surface of the cherry shows characteristic color for mature cherries of the variety; well formed, meaning the cherry has the normal shape characteristic of the variety, except that mature well developed doubles are to be considered well formed when each of the halves is approximately evenly formed; and clean; free from decay, insect larvae or holes caused by them; soft, overripe or shriveled; underdeveloped doubles and sunscald; and free from damage by any other cause. (3-31-22)

02. Size. Unless otherwise specified, the minimum diameter of each cherry is not less than three-fourths (3/4) inch. The maximum diameter of the cherries in any lot may be specified in accordance with the facts. (3-31-22)

03. Tolerances. To allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the following tolerances, by count, are provided as specified: (3-31-22)

a. For Defects at Shipping Point: Idaho No. 1. Eight percent (8%) for cherries that fail to meet the requirements for this grade: PROVIDED, that included in this amount not more than four percent (4%) is allowed for defects causing serious damage, including in this latter amount not more than one-half of one percent (.50%) for cherries that are affected by decay. (3-31-22)

b. For Defects Enroute or at Destination: Idaho No. 1. Twenty-four percent (24%) for cherries in any lot that fail to meet the requirements for this grade: PROVIDED, that included in this amount not more than the following percentages are allowed for defects listed: (3-31-22)

i. Eight percent (8%) for cherries that fail to meet the requirements for this grade because of permanent defects; or (3-31-22)

ii. Six percent (6%) for cherries that are seriously damaged, including therein not more than four percent (4%) for cherries that are seriously damaged by permanent defects and not more than two percent (2%) for cherries that are affected by decay. (3-31-22)

c. For Off-Size. Five percent (5%) for cherries that fail to meet the specified minimum diameter and ten percent (10%) for cherries that fail to meet any specified maximum diameter. (3-31-22)

221. -- 229. (Reserved)

230. Application Of Tolerances.

Individual samples are not to have more than double the tolerances specified, except that at least two (2) defective and two (2) off-size specimens may be permitted in any sample: PROVIDED, that the averages for the entire lot are within the tolerances specified for the grade. (3-31-22)

231. -- 239. (Reserved)

240. Scorable Defects.

01. Damage. (3-31-22)

a. Cracks within the stem cavity - when deep or not well healed, or when the appearance is affected to a greater extent than that of a cherry that has a superficial well healed crack one-sixteenth (1/16) inch in width extending one-half (1/2) the greatest circumference of the stem cavity. (3-31-22)

b. Cracks outside of the stem cavity - when deep or not well healed, or when the crack has weakened the cherry to the extent that it is likely to split or break in the process of proper grading, packing and handling, or when materially affecting the appearance. (3-31-22)

c. Hail injury - when deep or not well healed, or when the aggregate area exceeds the area of a circle three-sixteenths (3/16) inch in diameter. (3-31-22)

d. Insects - when scale or more than one (1) scale mark is present, or when the appearance is materially affected by any insect. (3-31-22)

e. Limb rubs - when affecting the appearance of the cherry to a greater extent than the amount of scarring permitted. (3-31-22)

f. Pulled stems - when the skin or flesh is torn, or when the cherry is leaking. (3-31-22)

g. Russeting - when affecting the appearance of the cherry to a greater extent than the amount of scarring permitted. (3-31-22)

h. Scars - when excessively deep or rough or dark colored and the aggregate area exceeds the area of a circle three-sixteenths (3/16) inch in diameter, or when smooth or fairly smooth, light colored and superficial and the aggregate area exceeds the area of a circle one-fourth (1/4) inch in diameter. (3-31-22)

i. Skin breaks - when not well healed or when the appearance of the cherry is materially affected.

(3-31-22)

j. Sutures - when excessively deep or when effecting the shape of the cherry to the extent that it is not well formed. (3-31-22)

02. Serious Damage. (3-31-22)

a. Decay. (3-31-22)

b. Insect larvae or holes caused by them. (3-31-22)

c. Skin breaks that are not well healed. (3-31-22)

d. Cracks that are not well healed. (3-31-22)

e. Pulled stems with skin or flesh of cherry torn or that causes the cherry to leak. (3-31-22)

241. -- 249. (Reserved)

(3-31-22)

251. -- 259. (Reserved)

(3-31-22)

261. -- 319. (Reserved)

SUBCHAPTER C – APRICOTS

321. Grades.

01. Idaho No. 1. Consists of apricots of one variety that are mature but not soft, overripe or shriveled and that are well formed, free from decay, insect holes, and damage caused by skin breaks, cuts, limb rubs, russeting, growth cracks, dirt, hail, bruises, scale or other means. (3-31-22)

02. Idaho No. 2. Consists of apricots of one variety that are mature but not soft, overripe or shriveled, and that are free from decay, insect holes and serious damage caused by skin breaks, limb rubs, russeting, growth cracks, hail, bruises or other means. (3-31-22)

03. Idaho Combination. Consists of a combination of Idaho No. 1 and Idaho No. 2. When such a combination is packed, at least fifty percent (50%) of the apricots in any container will meet the requirements of the Idaho No. 1. (See Section 330). (3-31-22)

322. -- 329. (Reserved)

330. Tolerances.

The following tolerances, by count, are provided:. (3-31-22)

01. Defects. (3-31-22)

a. Idaho No. 1. A total of ten percent (10%) for apricots in any lot that fails to meet the requirements for the grade: Provided, that not more than one-half (1/2) of this tolerance, or five percent (5%), is allowed for defects causing serious damage, including therein not more than one-fifth (1/5) of this amount or one percent (1%) is allowed for apricots that are affected by decay. An additional ten percent (10%) by count of the apricots may be damaged by bruise. (3-31-22)

b. Idaho No. 2. A total of ten percent (10%) for apricots in any lot that fail to meet the requirements for the grade: Provided, therein that not more than one percent (1%) be allowed for apricots that are affected by decay. (3-31-22)

c. Idaho Combination. A total of ten percent (10%) for apricots in any lot that fail to meet the requirements for the grade: Provided, therein that not more than one percent (1%) will be allowed for apricots that are affected by decay. (3-31-22)

02. Restrictions. When applying the foregoing tolerances to the combination grade, no part of any tolerance can be used to reduce the percentage of Idaho No. 1 apricots required in the combination, but individual containers may have not more than ten percent (10%) less than the percentage of Idaho No. 1 required, provided that the entire lot average is within the percentage specified. (3-31-22)

03. Samples. Individual samples will not have more than one and one-half (1 1/2) times any tolerance specified; provided, that the averages for the entire lot are within the tolerances specified for the grade. (3-31-22)

331. – 339. (Reserved)

340. Marking Requirements.

01. Containers. When apricots are packed in containers, such containers will be stamped or marked thereon the variety, the net contents, and packer’s name and address. (3-31-22)

02. Size. The minimum size may be specified in terms of diameter or numerical count. When a minimum diameter is marked on the container, not more than ten percent (10%) by count is allowed for apricots below the marked size. (3-31-22)

341. – 349. (Reserved)

350. Scorable Defects.

01. Damage. (3-31-22)

a. Hail Marks: Well healed and shallow - allow one-eighth (1/8) inch in diameter. (3-31-22)

i. When skin has not been broken: (3-31-22)

ii. Shallow - allow three-eighths (3/8) inch in diameter. (3-31-22)

iii. Not shallow - allow one-fourth (1/4) inch in diameter. (3-31-22)

b. Growth Cracks: (3-31-22)

i. Well healed - allow three-eighth (3/8) inch in length. (3-31-22)

ii. Riland variety - allow one-half (1/2) inch in length. (3-31-22)

c. Limb Rubs: Smooth and shallow - allow one-fourth (1/4) inch in diameter. (3-31-22)

d. Russeting: Allow one-fourth (1/4) surface area in aggregate. (3-31-22)

e. Skin Breaks: (3-31-22)

i. Punctures - allow three-sixteenths (3/16) inch in diameter. (3-31-22)

ii. Stem pulls - allow three-eighths (3/8) inch in diameter. (3-31-22)

iii. Riland variety - allow one-half (1/2) inch in diameter. (3-31-22)

f. Bruises: Allow five percent (5%) of the surface area. (3-31-22)

g. Scale: Allow two (2) scale marks. (3-31-22)

h. Dirt: Allow when not readily apparent. (3-31-22)

02. Serious Damage.)

a. Bruises: Allow ten percent (10%) of the surface area. (3-31-22)

b. Growth cracks: (3-31-22)

i. Well healed - allow one-half (1/2) inch in length. (3-31-22)

ii. Riland variety - allow five-eighths (5/8) inch in length. (3-31-22)

c. Hail Marks: (3-31-22)

i. Well healed - allow three-eighths (3/8) inch in aggregate. (3-31-22)

ii. When skin has not been broken - allow one-half (1/2) inch in aggregate. (3-31-22)

d. Skin Breaks: (3-31-22)

i. Stem pulls - allow one-half (1/2) inch in diameter. (3-31-22)

ii. Other skin breaks - allow three-eighths (3/8) inch diameter. (3-31-22)

351. – 999. (Reserved)