

Potatoes (England)

THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE (GRADING) (POTATOES) REGULATIONS, 1929, DATED NOVEMBER 30, 1929, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AS TO GRADE DESIGNATIONS FOR POTATOES.

1929 No. 1117

18 & 19 Geo. 5. c. 19. In exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1928, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby makes the following Regulations :—

Prescription of grade designations. 1. Grade designations to indicate the quality of potatoes produced in England and Wales shall be as follows :—

E. & W. No. 1 Size

E. & W. No. 2 Size

E. & W. No. 3 Size

and the quality indicated by such grade designations shall be deemed to be as described in columns 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Schedule hereto.

Short title. 2. These Regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Produce (Grading) (Potatoes) Regulations, 1929.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this thirtieth day of November, 1929.

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Charles J. H. Thomas,
Secretary.

SCHEDULE

Definitions of Quality		Applicable to Quantities					Maximum aggregate of all defects under cols. 5, 6 and 7 (8)
Grade Designation	General	Tolerances					
		Applicable to Single Tubers	Conformity to Variety, etc. (4)	Undersize or Oversize (5)	Disease,* damage, etc. (6)	Earth and/or extraneous matter (7)	
(1)	(2)	Size (Minimum diameter) (3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
E. & W. No. 1 Size	Reasonably clean, healthy potatoes, free from serious defect and suitable for human consumption.	1 1/4 in. †	At least 95 per cent., by count, must conform to the variety as and when specified and to the type of soil on which grown, where such is declared.	Not more than 3 per cent. of the total weight may pass through a riddle or sieve having a square mesh of the minimum size ‡ specified (in col. 3) for the grade, and, included in this, not more than 0.5 per cent. of the total weight may pass through a 1-in. mesh: potatoes which exceed 3/4 in. in their smallest diameter shall be excluded. Otherwise, in regard to size, the potatoes shall be as grown.	Not more than 3 per cent. of the total weight may consist of appreciably diseased, damaged or unsightly potatoes, and, included in this amount, not more than 0.25 per cent. of the total weight may be obviously affected with soft rot.	Not more than 4 per cent. may be present in potatoes loaded up to November 1st in the year of harvesting, and 2 per cent. after that date; the percentage to be calculated on the net weight of screened potatoes.	5 per cent. of the total weight.
E. & W. No. 2 Size		1 1/2 in.					
E. & W. No. 3 Size		1 1/4 in.					

* (i) Any disease or defect, the presence of which may be established by cutting open the potato, shall be taken into account, and potatoes having worm or slug holes penetrating into the flesh shall be regarded as damaged.

(ii) Potatoes affected by superficial disease or damage shall not be regarded as diseased or damaged unless more than one-tenth of the surface is so affected.

(iii) A potato shall only be regarded as being obviously affected with the soft rot if, at the time of inspection, it is squashed and/or the surface is at some part distinctly broken or wet owing to disease.

† When the potatoes have been passed over a riddle of greater mesh than 1 1/4 in., the minimum size may, at the seller's discretion, be appended to the grade name, e.g., E. & W. No. 1 Size (2 in.).

‡ As measured clear within the bounds of the mesh.