



# United States Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Specialty Crops Inspection Division

## PATCH # 028

**DOCUMENT:** Fresh Electronic Inspection Reporting/Resource System (FEIRS) electronic programs revision Broccoli Offsize Percentage.

**REMARKS:** The following guidance is provided for FEIRS users when encountering off-sized broccoli in bunches, individual crowns, or florets. For size, percentages will be determined on the basis of count, except that when specimens are not fairly uniform in size, percentages will be determined on the basis of weight for specimens in any lot which fail to meet the size requirements of the specified grade or any sizes specified for length and diameter.

Currently FEIRS will not allow for count to be the basis for inspection when fairly uniform off-size specimens are encountered. In order to continue this inspection in the proper prescribed manner, the “Sample Weight” field will be populated with the “Sample Size” value as demonstrated below. This will be the only way to accurately report the percentages of off-size by count. In addition, a note must be entered in the “Notes” under the “Summary” tab explaining why the Sample Weight value is equivalent to the Sample Size value. This note is not to appear on the certificate. Please use a statement similar to the one located below.

Lot C, Sample 1 of 1: BROCCOLI ITALIAN SPROUTING (U.S. NO. 1)

Inspector ID: 0198 - FISHER, HARRY J

Defects | Other Columns

Defect Description	Damage	%	Serious Damage	%
DEK: DECAY OF BUD CLUSTERS (C)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
UNL: LENGTH LESS THAN 3-1/2 INCHES (CROWNS) (S)	2.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
OVL: LENGTH OVER 6 INCHES (CROWNS) (S)	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0

Permit one specimen affected by decay

Tolerance Description	Value	MKT Limit
Total Defects	0	15
including Decay	0	4
Total Offsize	10	15
NO QUALITY DEFECTS	0	
NO CONDITION DEFECTS	0	

### Notes

BECAUSE BROCCOLI IS FAIRLY UNIFORM SAMPLE WEIGHT FIELD IS EQUIVALENT TO SAMPLE SIZE FIELD TO PROVIDE PROPER PERCENTAGES ON CERTIFICATE.

This PATCH represents official guidance. This PATCH is scheduled to be incorporated into the document listed above. After incorporation into the document listed above this PATCH will become obsolete. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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