

# Artichokes

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## **Grades**

U.S. No. 1.

U.S. No. 1 Long Stem.

U.S. No. 2.

## **Tolerances**

10% Total defects, including 2% decay.

## **Good Delivery Guidelines**

15% total, including 4% decay

## **Common Defects**

Damage by:

1. Spreading when, the scales at the tip are opening but not to the extent that the heart is exposed.
2. Misshapen, when not excessively long and pointed.

Serious damage by:

1. Spreading when, practically all of the scales have spread, exposing the flower parts in the center of the bud.
2. Overdeveloped when the artichoke has a brownish color; the scales are tough, leathery, and stringy and the flower in the center of the bud has turned dark pink or purple and become fuzzy.

