

Asparagus



Grades

U.S. No. 1.

U.S. No. 2.

Tolerances

10% may fail to meet the trimming requirement. 10% total defects, including 5% for serious damage, including 1% decay.

Good Delivery Guidelines

15% total, including 8% serious damage, including 3% decay

Common Defects

Damage by:

1. Broken tips, when over 1/8 inch in diameter.
2. Insect injury when, shallow insect eaten areas over 1/4 inch in diameter or 2 or more shallow areas aggregating 3/8 inch in diameter on the upper portion of the stalk. Or when insect scars on the white portion of the stalk are over 3/4 inch in diameter.
3. Spreading when, more than slightly spread.

Serious damage by:

1. Broken tips, when over 1/4 inch in diameter. Or when stalks are broken.
2. Insect injury when, shallow insect eaten areas over 3/8 inch in diameter or 2 or more shallow areas aggregating 1/2 inch in diameter on the upper portion of the stalk.
3. Spreading when, more than badly spread.

