

USDA STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF SHELLED ALMONDS EFFECTIVE MARCH 24, 1997

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USDA GRADES	WHOLE KERNELS	MIN. DIAMETER IN INCHES	DISSIMILAR	DOUBLES	CHIP AND SCRATCH	FOREIGN MATERIAL	PARTICLES AND DUST	SPLIT AND BROKEN	OTHER DEFECTS	SERIOUS DEFECTS	UNDER-SIZE
U.S. Fancy	—	—	5%	3%	5%	.05%	.1%	1%	2%	1%	—
U.S. Extra No. 1	—	—	5%	5%	5%	.05%	.1%	1%	4%	1.5%	—
U.S. No. 1	—	—	5%	15%	10%	.05%	.1%	1%	5%	1.5%	—
U.S. Select Sheller Run	—	—	5%	15%	20%	.1%	.1%	5%	3%	2%	—
U.S. Standard Sheller Run	—	—	5%	25%	35%	.2%	.1%	15%	3%	2%	—
U.S. No. 1 Whole and Broken	30%	20/64, UOS	5%	35%	X	.2%	.1%	X	5%	3%	5%
U.S. No. 1 Pieces	X	8/64	X	X	X	.2%	1%	X	5%	3%	5%

Whole Kernels: Less than 1/8 kernel chipped off.

Chip and Scratch: More than 1/4 inch in diameter, except U.S. fancy with 1/8 inch in diameter.

Split and Broken: 7/8 or less of complete whole kernel at least 1/8 inch in diameter.

Serious Defects: Includes decay, rancidity, insect injury and damage by mold.

Insect: Insect, web, frass present or definite evidence of feeding.

Other Defects:

Gum: More than 1/4 inch in diameter.

Shriveling: Less than 3/4 of pellicle filled.

Brown Spot: More than 1/8 inch in diameter.

Discoloration: More than 1/2 of surface.

UOS: Unless otherwise specified.

X No limit established.
 Also included in "Other Defects."
 Includes max. 2% under 20/64 inch.
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1 U.S. ton = .907 metric tons
 1 metric ton = 2204.6 pounds
 1 pound = 453.6 grams
 10 oz. = 283.5 grams

SAMPLE SIZES (POUNDS)

Lot Size:	10,000	10–44,000	+44,000
Grams Drawn:	2,000	4,000	6,000
Grams Analyzed:	1,000	2,000	3,000