

WAC 16-436-060 Definitions. The following definitions are important to this chapter, and where appropriate, apply to all Washington state commercial grades of peaches:

"At destination" means the final point of delivery by a commercial carrier or the wholesale or retail facility where the peaches are held.

"Damage" means any injury or defect that materially affects a peach's appearance, edible quality, or shipping quality.

"Department" means the Washington state department of agriculture.

"Diameter" means the greatest distance measured through the center of the peach at right angles to a line running from the stem to the blossom end.

"Director" means the director of the department or the director's designee.

"En route" means the peaches have left their original shipping point and are in transit or are being held in an intermediate storage facility before arriving at their final destination.

"Fairly well formed" means that the shape of the peach must be consistent with the characteristic shape of the variety and must not be so misshapen that the appearance is more than moderately affected.

"Loose or jumble pack" means the peaches are not placed in the container in cups, compartments, or trays.

"Mature" means a peach has reached a stage of growth that will ensure a proper completion of the ripening process.

"Not badly misshapen" means a peach may be more irregularly shaped than "fairly well formed" but must not be deformed as to seriously affect its utility or general appearance.

"Serious damage" means any injury or defect that seriously affects the appearance, edible quality, or shipping quality of the peach.

"Soft or overripe" means a peach has very little resistance to pressure. Such peaches are also called "dead ripe."

"Standard peach box" means a container with minimum inside dimensions of 4-1/4 to 6 inches by 11-1/2 to 16 inches.

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