Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 52.3184 Grades of dried prunes.

(a) "U.S. Grade A" or "U.S. Fancy" is the quality of dried prunes that, except for mixed types, possess similar varietal characteristics; that are fairly uniform in size and average 85 prunes per pound.

(b) "U.S. Grade B" is the quality of dried prunes that, except for mixed types, possess similar varietal characteristics; that are fairly uniform in size and average 70 prunes per pound.

(c) "U.S. Grade C" is the quality of dried prunes that, except for mixed types, possess similar varietal characteristics; that are fairly uniform in size and average 60 prunes per pound.

(d) "U.S. Grade D" is the quality of dried prunes that, except for mixed types, possess similar varietal characteristics; that are fairly uniform in size and average 50 prunes per pound.

§ 52.3183a Styles of dried prunes.

(a) Whole Unpitted—from which pits have not been removed.

(b) Whole Pitted—from which pits have been removed.

§ 52.3183b Count-sizes of whole unpitted dried prunes.

(a) Count-sizes.

Extra large ... Average: Not more than 43 prunes per pound.

Large .......... Average: Not more than 53 prunes per pound.

Medium ....... Average: Not more than 67 prunes per pound.

Small .......... Average: Not more than 85 prunes per pound.

(b) Recommended size nomenclature.

The following size nomenclature is recommended for the respective "countsizes" of dried prunes:

(1) Type I; Type IV. 30/40, 40/50, 50/60, 60/70, 70/80, 80/90, 90/100, 100/120, 120 and over.

(2) Type II. 25/35, 35/45, 40/50, 50/60, 60/70, 70/80, 80/90, 90/100.

(3) Type III. 15/20, 18/24, 20/30, 30/40, 40/50, 50/60, 60/70.

§ 52.3181 Product description.

Dried prunes are prepared from sound, properly matured prune plums from which the greater portion of moisture is removed by drying. The dried prunes are cleaned to assure a wholesome product; they may be treated with water or steam; and a safe and suitable preservative may be added.

§ 52.3182 Varietal types of dried prunes.

(a) Type I. French; or Robe; or a mixture of French and Robe.

(b) Type II. Italian.