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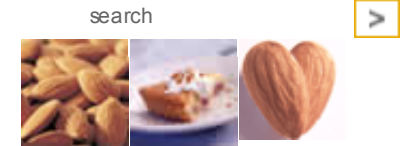
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U.S.D.A. Grades	U.S. Fancy	U.S. Extra No. 1	U.S. No. 1	U.S. Select Sheller Run	U.S. Standard Sheller Run	U.S. No.1 Whole & Broken	U.S. No. 1 Pieces
Whole Kernels	-	-	-	-	-	30%	X
Min. Diameter in Inch	-	-	-	-	-	20/64, UOS	8/64
Dissimilar	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	X
Doubles	3%	5%	15%	15%	25%	35%	X
Chip & Scratch	5%	5%	10%	20%	35%	X	X
Foreign Material	.05%	.05%	.05%	.1%	.2%	.2%	.2%
Particles & Dust	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	1%
Split & Broken	1%	1%	1%	5%	15%	X	X
Other Defects	2%	4%	5%	3%	3%	5%	5%
Serious Defects	1%	1.5%	1.5%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Under-size	-	-	-	-	-	5%	5%

- Whole Kernels: Less than 1/8 kernel chipped off.
- Chip & Scratch: More than 1/4 inch in diameter except U.S. Fancy with 1/8 inch in diameter.
- Split & 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, or frass present or definite evidence of feeding.
- X: No limit established
- Also included in "Other Defects".
- : Includes max. 2% under 20/64
- : Includes max. 5% under 20/64 inch. % also included in "Chip & Scratch".

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.

	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

1 U.S. ton = .907 metric tons
 1 metric ton = 2204.6 pounds
 1 pound = 453.6 grams
 10 oz. = 283.5 grams

UOS: Unless otherwise specified.

