

RECEIVAL ALL SPINACH	
TEMPERATURE °C (AT ARRIVAL)	4 – 10
TOLERANCE	Unsaleable defects 0%
	Major defects <5%
	Minor defects <10%
	Combined total limit <10%
	<5% outside of size range
PACKAGING & LABELLING	<p>Packaging manufactured from new food grade materials or sanitised returnable crates.</p> <p>Packaging to adhere to Food Stuffs North Island Produce Packaging Guidelines.</p> <p>All labelling must meet the current legislative requirements.</p> <p>Crate card must include the product description, SKU number (in large font), supplier name, grower/packer’s name, product grade, count/weight, and delivery date.</p> <p>Pre-packaged produce must display the grower’s name, the packed on date, best before date or used by date (batch code optional).</p>
SHELF LIFE	<p>Produce must have a shelf life of at least 5 days upon arrival at the Distribution Centre, or direct to the store from the supplier.</p> <p>Produce must have a packed-on date of no more than 3 days upon arrival at the Distribution Centre, or direct to the store from the supplier.</p>
TRANSPORT CONDITIONS	<p>Stacked to Ti Hi specifications onto a stabilised pallet as per-ordered.</p> <p>Refrigerated van with air bag suspension, unless otherwise approved.</p> <p>Goods must be received in accordance with Foodstuffs North Island Receiving and Carrier Guidelines (refer to reference materials for more information).</p> <p>Of note are pallet size, stacking standards and crate cards.</p>
CHEMICAL CONTAMINATE RESIDUE	<p>Relevant growers and/or producers, hold, will maintain, and will comply with all necessary certificates, licenses, permits, and other approvals required by Laws or the Policies and Compliance Requirements for the manufacture, packing, supply, and storage of the groceries. This includes NZGAP (including the Social Practice Standards add-on) and/or GLOBALG.A.P (including GRASP) certification.</p>
ORGANICS	<p>BioGro certificate, or equivalent, is required to supply organic products into both Foodstuffs stores and Distribution Centres. The current certificate should be available on the Foodstuffs Exchange.</p>

Produce Specification: Spinach

CATEGORY	Spinach	PRODUCT	Generic
PACK TYPE	Pre-packed	GRADE	Premium

GENERAL APPEARANCE

COLOUR	Uniform medium green leaves, with light green stalks.
SHAPE	Well-proportioned oval to arrow shaped leaves, depending on variety.
SENSORY	Fresh appearance, crisp stalks. Leaves are tender with a mild to slightly bitter flavour. No off odours or tastes.
MATURITY	Firm leaves and stalks. Free from seed heads.
CLEANLINESS	Free from dirt, insect stains, residue or other foreign matter. Cleanly trimmed.

UNSALEABLE DEFECTS

FOREIGN MATTER	Evidence of live insects.
	Nil foreign matter (e.g. glass, metal, hard plastics).
PRODUCT COUNT	No undercounts.
PACK WEIGHT	No underweights.

MAJOR DEFECTS

DISEASES	Fungal or bacterial rots of skin or flesh.
	Discolouration (e.g. yellow) or deformation due to viral infection.
PHYSICAL IMPURITIES	Unhealed cuts, breaks, bruising or pest damage affecting >2 stalks per bunch.
	Bruising of leaves or stem affecting >10% of bunch.
PHYSIOLOGICAL DEFECTS	Yellowing or wilting of leaves.
	Stem blackening or brown spotting/russetting of leaves.
TEMPERATURE DAMAGE	Bleached spots on leaves affecting >10% of product (sunburn).
	Discoloured, soft, water-soaked areas (freezing injury).

MINOR DEFECTS

PHYSICAL IMPURITIES	Cuts, tears or holes in the leaves affecting >5% of bunch.
	Broken or bruised stems, or crushed leaves affecting >5% of bunch
SURFACE INCONSISTENCIES	Bleached spots on leaves affecting >5 cm ² per bunch (sunburn).
PHYSIOLOGICAL DEFECTS	Brown leaf margins >1 mm width (tip burn).

SIZE

DIAMETER	220 – 300 mm	
WEIGHT	10CT	0.4 – 0.7KG

PHOTOS OF DEFECTS		
<p>Tip rots and yellowing leaves</p>	<p>Water-soaked leaves.</p>	<p>Torn water-soaked leaves.</p>
<p>Broken yellow tips.</p>	<p>Damaged stems.</p>	<p>Dry looking product.</p>

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