



SPECIFICATION

May 30, 2018

2680-000 IQF Whole Strawberries, Medium

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Product is prepared from properly ripened fresh strawberries that are stemmed, washed with sanitizer, rinsed, sorted, individually quick frozen, and packaged.

INGREDIENT STATEMENT

Ingredients: Strawberries

Country of Origin: USA

QUALITY STANDARDS

Size: Medium, 7/8" to 1 1/4" diameter (across widest part of the berry). Maximum 10% <7/8" or >1 1/4"

Flavor/Odor: Typical of well-ripened properly processed strawberries. Free of objectionable flavors or odors of any kind.

Quality Grade: Meets Grade A based on definitions and procedures in USDA Standard for Grades for Frozen Strawberries.

- Color: Reasonably uniform typical pink to red color on outer surfaces, not more than slightly affected by a dull, gray or reddish-brown cast. 85% or more by count have good characteristic pink to red color; no more than 5% by count may have less than 4/5 of surface area of good characteristic pink to red color
- Character: Reasonably firm. Not more than 10% by weight partial/mush berries.
- Defects: (per 32 oz sample),
 - No more than 32 stems <1/8" length
 - No more than 4 stems >1/8" length
 - No more than 8/16 sq. in. HEM
 - No more than 5% damaged berries
 - No grit, sand, silt

MICROBIOLOGICAL

Yeast	< 5,000 cfu/g
Mold	< 5,000 cfu/g
Coliforms	< 100 cfu/g
<i>Salmonella sp</i>	Negative/325 g
<i>L. monocytogenes</i>	Negative/325 g

PACKAGING

30 lb (13.6 kg) corrugated case with a food grade polybag liner. Label includes Lot Code, Manufacturer Name, Item Description, Net Weight.

STORAGE & SHELF LIFE

Ship and store frozen (0°F/-18°C or below). Shelf life is 24 months under proper frozen storage.