



WHOLE RED BEETS INGREDIENT SPECIFICATION

Fresh, organic whole red beets that are free from soft rot and serious damage caused by cuts, dirt, freezing, growth cracks, disease, rodents or insects, or mechanical or other means.

Color:

- Exterior: Characteristic Red/Brown
- Interior: Deep Red-Purple

Appearance:

- Tops: (stems & leaves) are removed to less than one-half inch in length
- Firm: not soft, flabby or shriveled
- Smooth: root not rough or ridged, characteristic of beets
- Shape: root is not misshapen, characteristic of beets
- Clean: reasonably free from dirt and other foreign matter
- Damage:
 - Less than 10% by weight of growth cracks & defects that affect ordinary preparation.
 - Top of beets are reasonably free from yellowing or other discoloration
 - Rot: Less than 1% by weight

Size:

- Diameter must be greater than 1 1/2 inches
- Less than 5% of the beets in the lot can be smaller than specified diameter
- Diameter is measured at right angles to a line running from the crown to the base of the root.

Grower Requirements

- a. Growers follow Good Agricultural Practices (GAP).
- b. Growers must maintain organic certification that includes EU and Canadian Equivalency.

Packaging and Labeling

- a. Beets are packed in 40 lb. poly bags.
- b. Bags are labeled with growers' lot number and a placard that clearly identifies the beets as organic.

Storage and Handling

- a. Storage: < 55°F at 80% humidity
- b. Shelf life: six months

Country of Origin: USA

GMO Status: Source has not been genetically modified