

Produce Specification: Snow Peas & Sugar Snaps




GENERAL APPEARANCE BY VARIETY					
VARIETY	VISUAL APPEARANCE	COLOUR	SHAPE	SENSORY	MATURITY
Snowpeas	Bright bloom, flat pods with minor seed development.	Uniform bright green pods and peas.	Wide flat pods tapered at calyx and stem end.	Crisp pods, sweet flavour. No off odours and tastes.	No fibrous or dry pods.
Sugarsnaps	Bright bloom; well filled pods with thick walls	Brilliant, green pods and peas.	Plump pods approximately oval in cross section, tapered at calyx and stem end.	Crisp flesh and seeds; sweet clean flavour. No off odours or taints.	Pods swollen around fully developed seeds; not tough or fibrous (overmature).

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CLEANLINESS		Washed, clean with stems trimmed <15 mm.	
UNSALEABLE DEFECTS			
FOREIGN MATTER		Evidence of live insects.	
		Nil foreign matter (e.g. glass, metal, hard plastics).	
PRODUCT COUNT		No undercounts.	
PRODUCT WEIGHT		No underweights.	
MAJOR DEFECTS			
DISEASES		Live insects, fungal or bacterial rots.	
PHYSICAL IMPURITIES		Cuts, splits or severe bruising.	
PHYSIOLOGICAL DEFECTS		Discoloured or soft pods, empty or incomplete pods. With softening, shrivelling or wilting of pods (dehydration).	
TEMPERATURE DAMAGE		With soft, translucent lesions in the flesh (freezing injury). With bleached areas (sunburn).	
MINOR DEFECTS			
PHYSICAL IMPURITIES		Superficial abrasions, healed cuts >1 mm deep affecting >1 cm ² .	
SURFACE INCONSISTENCIES		With light blemishes or dry spotting affecting in aggregate >1 cm ² .	
PHYSIOLOGICAL DEFECTS		Stems > 15 mm.	
SIZE			
SNOWPEAS	LOOSE	LENGTH	70 – 120 mm
		WIDTH	20 – 30 mm
	PRE-PACK	LENGTH	70 – 120 mm
		WIDTH	20 – 30 mm
SUGARSNAPS	LOOSE	LENGTH	60 – 90 mm
		WIDTH	8 – 10 mm
	PRE-PACK	LENGTH	60 – 90 mm
		WIDTH	8 – 10 mm
RECEIVAL			
TEMPERATURE °C (AT ARRIVAL)		2 – 10	

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TOLERANCE	Unsaleable defects <2%	
	Major defects <5%	
	Minor defects <10%	
	Combined total limit <10%	
	<5% outside 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	Produce must have a shelf life of at least 7 days upon arrival at the Distribution Centre, or direct to the store from the supplier.	
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	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.	
ORGANICS	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.	
PHOTOS OF DEFECTS		
		
Browning	Rotting	Spotting and Rots

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