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USDA PURCHASE SPECIFICATION FOR TABLE GRAPES

COMMODITY SPECIFICATION

for FRESH FRUIT JULY 2019

This specification is for USDA purchases only.

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This purchase must meet all relevant requirements of the **Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit July 2019**, with additional requirements shown below.

Food Safety Verification Requirements:

1. All vendors and/or suppliers providing fresh fruits shall undergo a good agricultural practices and good handling practices audit of their operations. The audit must be conducted by the USDA, AMS, Specialty Crops Program, SCI Division or licensed Federal-State auditors providing services under a cooperative agreement with USDA oversight. The audit conducted may be either the USDA Good Agricultural Practices & Good Handling Practices (GAP&GHP) audit, or the Produce GAPs Harmonized Food Safety Audit, whichever is applicable to the commodity being purchased.
2. The audit must cover all parts of the operation which are applicable to the commodity being purchased. For example, a grape purchase would require audits of the vineyards, packing house, and storage facilities.
3. A copy of the three acceptable audit standards is available on the USDA website at www.ams.usda.gov/gapghp, or from your local USDA or Federal-State inspection office. A listing of USDA and Federal-State inspection offices are also available on the website listed above.

Domestic Origin:

All Grapes must be of 100% domestic origin. When requested, the vendors will make all paperwork available to SCI that confirms 100% domestic origin traceback from final package to the origin vineyard, including all steps in the process and a narrative of those steps.

Inspection point will be specified in the Solicitation/IFB and inspection must be performed by Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service.

1. Grade – U.S. No. 1 Table.
2. Type of pack – 19 lb. cartons containing various retail size bags.
 - If Federal, state, or local regulations require that the carton must be labeled with a weight other than 19 lbs., then that carton may be used, but must be filled to weigh at least 19 lbs. The Federal/State inspectors will be weighing these cartons for compliance as part of the inspection
 - Cartons made of foam (EPS) may be used if not prohibited by state and local laws at shipping point or destination
3. Variety – red, green, or black.
4. Type – seedless.
5. Must be loaded into a refrigerated trailer capable of holding air temperature not to exceed 36°F.

6. Refrigerated shipment at 32° to 36° F, (32° to 34° F, optimal).
7. Truckload case count – 1,950 cases.
8. WBSCM material code – 111051

Failure to meet all **Master Solicitation**, **Solicitation/IFB**, and **Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit July 2019** requirements will result in automatic rejection of the load at destination. No adjustments will be allowed. It is the vendor's responsibility to ensure the delivery of acceptable product. The replacement of any failed deliveries with acceptable product, will be the vendor's responsibility.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.