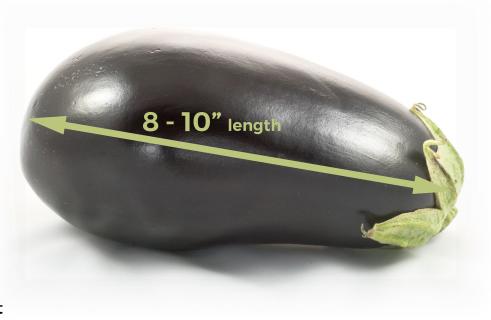
## WHOLESALE GRADING & PACKING INSTRUCTIONS

## **EGGPLANT**

Grade: U.S. FANCY

- ✓ Eggplant must be firm
- ✓ Should be heavy in relation to size
- ✓ Shiny, uniform dark rich purple skin color
- ✓ Long or oblong (pear shaped) eggplants are preferred
- ✓ Length should be 8-10 inches
- ✓ Standard 1 1/9 200# test box
- ✓ Box should contain 16-18 count

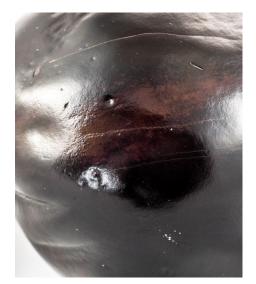


## **AVOID**

× Scars or cuts



**×** Color irregularities



Soft, fleshy eggplant will usually have a bitter or otherwise poor flavor



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