ROMAINE LETTUCE
Grade U.S. #1

✓ Lettuce must be fresh (normal succulence but the outermost leaves may be slightly wilted) and bright with a lighter green base and darker green top

✓ Plants in any container must be of similar varietal characteristics (same general type)

✓ Romaine must be well developed – long and loaf shaped with long narrow leaves

✓ Clean and well-trimmed (stem is trimmed off close to the point of attachment of the outer leaves)

✓ Leaves must be tender and sweet, not bitter

✓ Commonly packed as 24’s in standard 1 2/3 bushel box

AVOID

× Bruised, shredding, or cracking of leaves/midribs
× Tip burn or other discoloration of leaves
× Wilting

× Damage caused by seedstems
× Insect or disease damage
× Damage from freezing

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