

SCHUYLER-CHEMUNG WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Each year the NYS Weights and Measures Bureau receive many questions regarding the method of sale of fresh fruits and vegetables. In general, fresh fruits and vegetables are sold by one of the following five methods; Weight, Count, Head or Bunch, Dry measure in small containers or Dry measure in large containers. The NYS Bureau often refers to the NCWM (National Conference of Weights and Measures) guideline. This guideline applies to all sales of fruits and vegetables. There are two tables, one for specific commodities and one for general commodity groups. Search the specific list first to find those commodities that either don't fit into any of the general groups or have unique methods of sale. If the item is not listed find the general group in the second table. The item may be sold by any method marked with an "X".

SPECIFIC COMMODITY	WEIGHT	COUNT	HEAD OR BUNCH	DRY MEASURE LESS THAN 1 DRY QUART	DRY MEASURE 1 DRY QUART OR LARGER
Artichokes	X	X			
Asparagus	X		X		
Avocados		X			
Bananas	X	X			
Beans (snap, green, yellow, etc.)	X				X
Brussels Sprouts (loose)	X				
Brussels Sprouts (on stalk)			X		
Cherries	X				X
Coconuts	X	X			
Corn on the Cob	X	X			X
Dates	X				
Eggplant	X	X			
Figs	X				
Grapes	X				X {1}
Greens (loose greens, parsley, herbs)	X			X	X
Melons (cut pieces)	X				
Mushrooms (small)	X			X	X
Mushrooms (Portobello, large)	X	X			
Okra	X				
Peas	X				X
Peppers (bell and other varieties)	X	X			X
Pineapples	X	X			
Rhubarb	X		X		
Tomatoes	X	X			X

{1} One dry quart size is a traditional method of sale for Concord and Niagara grapes

GENERAL COMMODITY GROUPS	WEIGHT	COUNT	HEAD OR BUNCH	DRY MEASURE LESS THAN 1 DRY QUART	DRY MEASURE 1 DRY QUART OR LARGER
Berries (all)	X			X	X
Citrus Fruits (oranges, lemons, limes)	X	X			X
Edible Bulbs (onions, garlic, leeks)	X	X	X		X
Edible Tubers (ginger, horseradish, potatoes)	X	X			X
Flower Vegetables (broccoli, brussels sprouts)	X		X		
Gourds (cucumbers, squash, melons)	X	X			
Leaf Vegetables (lettuce, cabbage, celery)	X		X		
Pitted Fruits (peaches, plums, prunes)	X	X			X
Pome Fruits (apples, pears, mangoes)	X	X			X
Root Vegetables (carrots, radishes, turnips)	X		X		X