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CHAPTER 80-12-1  
GRADE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRAIN AND OTHER COMMODITIES

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**80-12-1-.01      Purpose.**

(1) Under authority of Code of Ala. 1975, §2-20-1, which regulates and prescribes requirements for the sale of certain grains in containers, the following chapter is hereby approved and adopted by the State Board of Agriculture and Industries relating to the grades of corn, oats, rye, wheat and barley which must appear on the labels of packages or other containers in which such grains are sold or offered for sale.

(2) This chapter also provides for adoption of USDA grade standards that apply to any agricultural commodities and their sale.

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**80-12-1-.02      Adoption Of US Grade Standards.**

The grades for corn, oats, rye, wheat, barley, grain sorghum and beans as set forth and established in the U. S. Grain Standards Act or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder are hereby adopted to govern the sale of such grains in Alabama.

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**80-12-1-.03      Grades Of Grain To Appear On Label.**

In addition to the other information required by law or regulations to appear on labels or tags of each container in which corn, oats, rye, wheat, barley, grain sorghum and beans are sold or offered for sale in Alabama, there shall also plainly appear thereon the grade of such grains as herein above adopted in Rule 80-12-1-.02.

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**80-12-1-.04      Adoption Of USDA Grade Standards.**

USDA Grade Standards are hereby adopted for all agricultural commodities grown in or inspected in Alabama, with the exception of those commodities set out in rules 80-12-1-.02 and 80-12-1-.06.

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**80-12-1-.05      Rules For Packaging And Grading Sweet Potatoes.**

All sweet potatoes offered for sale or sold in commercial channels in the State of Alabama for the fresh market shall be sold only in standardized containers and shall be of not less than a U.S. No. 2 grade. "Standardized containers" as used herein shall include any cardboard box, wirebound crate or tubtype basket of not more than one bushel and consumer packages of smaller size.

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**80-12-1-.06      Alabama Utility Grade Potatoes For Established.**

There is hereby established an Alabama utility grade for potatoes which shall meet the following standards.

- (a) Alabama Utility shall meet the requirements of the U.S. No. 2 Grade except that in order to allow for variations other than size, Hollow Heart and internal discoloration, incident to proper grading and handling, not more than a total of 10 per cent of the potatoes in any lot may fail to meet the requirements of the U.S. No. 2 Grade, but not more than three

per cent shall be allowed for potatoes affected by Southern Bacterial Wilt, Ring Rot, or Late Blight, and including not more than one per cent for potatoes which are frozen or affected by soft rot or wet breakdown. In addition, not more than 15% may be seriously damaged by Hollow Heart and internal discoloration.

(b) With the exception of the above utility grade, potatoes shall be graded as provided in rule 80-12-1-.04.

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