

SUBJECT: LABELING OF APPLES FOR RETAIL SALE

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The New Hampshire Apple Grading Law, RSA 434:19-32, requires all sale advertisements that state a price to show the following information:

- correct VARIETY name
- official GRADE
- *SIZE of the apples

When apples are sold in closed containers the above information must be shown on the package. In addition the package must show:

- **QUANTITY of the contents
- NAME and ADDRESS of the packer

The official grades for apples sold in NH are as follows:

- NH or US Extra Fancy
- Combination US Extra Fancy and US Fancy
- NH or US Fancy
- Combination US Fancy and US No. 1
- NH or US No. 1
- Combination US No. 1 and US Utility
- NH or US Utility
- NH or US No. 1 Early
- NH or US No. 1 Hail
- NH Drops
- NH Orchard Run

When one of the above grade terms is not used, the term "Unclassified" should be used to indicate that no grade or size has been assigned.

*Size is not a part of the grade for apples and must be shown in addition. Size may be stated as the Minimum Size, for example: 2 ½ " min., 2 ¼" min., 2" min. etc., or as the numerical Count (120, 96, 88, etc.) representing the number of apples contained in a standard bushel carton.

**Quantity may be stated by either weight, volume or count.

To obtain a copy of the complete grade standards or other information on the sale and labeling of apples please contact the Division of Regulatory Services.