

Packaging Recommendations[□]

Packaging materials that are not handled or stored properly may contribute to the biological, chemical and physical contamination of product. Below is a checklist of approved packaging materials.

Harvested Product Packaging Materials

- Producer/packer purchases or selects materials that are:
 - Free of objects that may become embedded in product (e.g., material is in good repair, no splinters, glass)
 - Clean and free of debris (e.g., from other crops, compostable waste, garbage)
 - Have not been used for any other purpose that may be a source of contamination (e.g., to carry tools, personal effects, cleaning agents, agricultural chemicals, maintenance materials)
- Producer/packer receives only the materials that were purchased or selected

Market Ready (Primary and Secondary) Packaging Materials

- When purchasing or selecting packaging materials, packer is aware of their origin (i.e., manufactured with components that are not a source of chemical contamination)
- Packer purchases or selects **primary** materials (e.g., bags, boxes) that are (*choose one of the following*):
 - New OR
 - If reused, new liners are used (**Note:** *Liners are considered packaging accessories, not primary packaging materials*)
- Packer purchases or selects materials (e.g., masters) that are free of loose objects that may become embedded in product (e.g., splinters, glass)
- Packer receives only the materials that were purchased or selected

Packaging Accessories

- When purchasing or selecting packaging accessories, packer is aware of their origin (i.e., manufactured with components that are not a source of chemical or physical contamination)
- Packer purchases or selects new packaging accessories if coming into direct contact with product (e.g., liners, ties, tags)
- Packer receives only the packaging accessories that were purchased or selected