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U.S. Extra Fancy

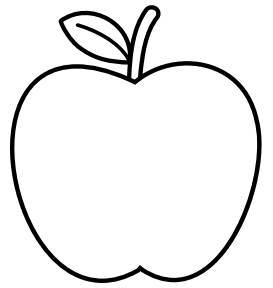
U.S. Fancy

U.S. #1

U.S. Utility

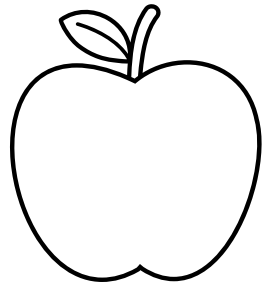
- Top-quality apples – best color, shape, and condition
- Must be firm, mature, and clean
- No bruises, cuts, or decay
- Very little to no russeting (rough or scaly skin)
- Uniform color (solid red or full blush) and even size

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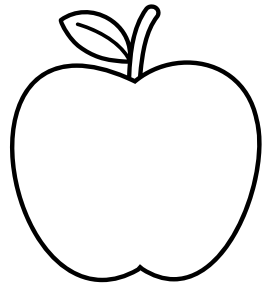
- High-quality apples but allows minor surface marks
- Slight russeting or limb rubs okay
- Good color and shape, but not flawless
- No serious bruises or decay

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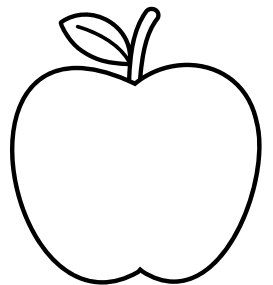
- Apples are mature and firm but show visible defects
- May have more russeting, uneven color, or slight bruises
- Good for eating but not display-quality

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- Not for fresh market sales (usually for juice, cider, or applesauce)
- Noticeable bruises, cracks, deformities, or poor color
- Must be sound and safe to eat, not rotten

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Color

Ripeness

Shape

Cleanliness

Injury/Damage

Size

- Apples must have the minimum amount of color for their variety.
- Bright, even color = higher grade.
- Pale or patchy color = lower grade.

Sketch it Out

- Apples must be mature, meaning they will ripen properly.
- Overripe apples are soft, mealy, or shriveled — not acceptable for high grades.
- Underripe apples are hard, sour, and lack color.

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- Apples should be symmetrical and typical for their variety.
- Slight shape differences are okay in Fancy and No. 1 grades.
- Seriously deformed or lopsided apples go to Utility.

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- Apples must be free of dirt, dust, spray residue, and sticky sap.
- “Clean” means ready for sale — no washing marks or soil stains.
- Apples with visible dirt can’t earn high grades.

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- “Injury” = small mark that doesn’t harm eating quality.
- “Damage” = larger bruise, puncture, crack, or deep scar that affects quality or appearance.
- “Serious damage” or decay disqualifies the apple from grading.

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- Apples in each grade must be fairly uniform in size.
- For Extra Fancy and Fancy, apples must be large enough and within ½ inch of each other in diameter.
- Smaller or uneven apples can still qualify as No. 1 or Utility.

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