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Beets

Product Specifications

Appearance	Quality Firm, smooth, rounded roots, and in-tact greens for bunched, no soil residues
	Color bright, uniform color
	Ripeness harvest before full maturity
Size	Weight 1 – 1 ¼ lb per bunch
	Measure 12 bunches (3-5 beets per bunch)
	Beet diameter 2.5” – 3.5”
Packing	Case <i>Bunched</i> : 1 1/9 bushel box (lined)
	<i>Loose Bulk, red</i> : poly bag, tied at top
	<i>Loose Bulk, specialty</i> : ½ bushel
	Weight <i>Loose Bulk, red or gold</i> : 25 lbs or 10 lbs
Suggested Varieties	Ace, Babybeat, Detroit Dark Red

Harvest

- Use a sharp, clean field knife to top and tail beets, leaving at least ½” of the long tail root
- Harvesting before full maturity extends storage life

Post-Harvest Handling

Pre-cooling	Room cooling
Washing/ Processing	90% free of dirt; if topped, barrel wash; if bunched, gently spray (a wire mesh table works well)
Storage	Temp 32 °F Humidity 98%
Ethylene Sensitivity	Low

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