



Federal Purchase Program Specification

Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Legs: December 2022

I. Purpose

This document provides the procedures USDA, AMS graders (graders) will utilize with the certification of bulk pack chicken and chicken legs to the [December 2022 Federal Purchase Program Specification \(FPPS\)](#). The grader must read this procedure carefully and note what items must be observed during sampling, packaging and packing, labeling, loading and shipping, and the preparation of worksheets and certificates. The grader will not proceed until their supervisor has reviewed the [QAD 620: USDA FPPS – Poultry General Requirements](#) and this procedure with them.

Bulk pack chicken and chicken legs must be processed and packed as outlined in the FPPS. The commodity must not be processed and packaged more than 60 calendar days prior to the first day of the delivery period for each sales order. Chilled commodity must be delivered to destination within 7 calendar days after the date of harvest.

Product & FPPS Item #	¹ Trade Description #	Grade Requirements	Wt. Req.
Bulk Pack, Chicken Large (100103)	70102	B or Better	WOGS must weigh 3.75 lbs. or over.
Bulk Pack, Chicken Legs, large (100113)	70901	B or Better	WOGS must weigh 7.00 lbs. or over <i>or</i> large legs must each weigh 13.6 oz. or over.

¹[AMS 71 Trade Descriptions for Poultry - Chicken](#)

II. Procedures

A. Processing and Fabrication

1. Requirements for Meat and Skin

Graders must check 30 whole birds or legs for defects for products marked as U.S. Grade B to determine compliance with the FPPS requirements using the sampling frequency and acceptance criteria found in SPL-1. Results must be recorded on the LP-232L1.



2. Weight Range

Dependent upon the weighing method utilized by the plant, carcass weights must be checked by weighing ten carcasses for weight requirements as outlined in the FPPS and according to procedures established in [QAD 648: Poultry Weight Range Certification](#). Samples found with weights exceeding allowable tolerances (+/- 10% per [QAD 607: Portion Control and Weight Range Certification](#)) will require retention of product representing the sampling interval. Results must be recorded on the LP-232L2

B. Certification and Delivery

1. Shipping Requirements

An LP-210P: *USDA Poultry Products Grading Certificate* must accompany each shipment to the further processing plant. The Purchase Order number, Sales Order number, Item number, and seal number must be included on the certificate. Product must be delivered fresh chilled unless the contractor and further processor agree in writing to deliver frozen product. A copy of this written agreement must be provided to the grader at the processing plant location. Test weighing will be performed at destination, except when product is frozen or when the delivery plant is the same as the origin plant (in-plant delivery). Plant management is responsible for assuring that the weight will meet purchase order requirements at destination. Show only the marked weight on shipping certificates.

2. Destination Examination

An LP-210P: *USDA Poultry Products Grading Certificate* must also be issued for each incoming load of bulk pack chicken. The costs of the destination examination will be charged to the contractor. If the destination examination and test weighing cannot be accomplished at time of delivery, contact your supervisor who will provide additional staffing. The grader must record product temperatures at time of arrival on the test weight certificate issued. Acceptable temperature range for chilled product is 26°F to 40°F (-3.3°C to 4.4°C). Product arriving at destination with non-complying temperatures must be retained and reported to the applicable regional office. The grader must verify that the shipment arrived within the time frame of harvest as outlined in the FPPS. Chilled commodity must be delivered to destination within 7 calendar days after the date of harvest.

Each delivery unit (36,000 pound truckload) must be test weighed upon delivery except for frozen product. The net weight of each delivery unit will be determined by performing an official test weighing according to [QAD 611: Net Weight Examination](#). Also, all test weighing must be performed on a direct net weight basis at destination.

For shortages/overages, graders must record the actual total net weight in the remarks section of the official certificate. If product is short weight, calculate the total shortage, deduct it from



the marked weight, and show the total net weight in the remarks section. All weight calculations must be recorded on the LP-211. For delivery units weighing less than 36,000 pounds, place the product under official retention and contact the regional office for further instructions. No notification by the grader is necessary unless the product is retained. The destination grader must return the original of the destination test-weighing certificate to the origin plant.

3. In-Plant Deliveries

In-plant deliveries may be made on a lot or subplot basis as provided for in the FPPS. Sublotting for in-plant deliveries must be in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) Each subplot offered will be test weighed as a separate lot.
- (b) All sublots must be listed on the destination certificate that shows the test weight results separately for each subplot.
- (c) Samples for each subplot may not be selected until the subplot is complete.
- (d) Origin and destination certification may be recorded on the same certificate. Record “In-plant Delivery” in the product type and class section of the certificate.

Exhibits:

Exhibit 1 - LP-210P Bulk Pack Origin Certificate

Exhibit 2 - LP-210P Bulk Pack Destination Certificate

Exhibit 3 - LP-210P Bulk Pack In-Plant Delivery Certificate

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EXHIBIT 1

(See reverse side of form for OMB and EEO Statement)

OMB APPROVED: NO. 0581-0128

	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE Livestock and Poultry Program	POULTRY PRODUCTS GRADING CERTIFICATE	This certificate is receivable in all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained. This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with any of the laws and regulations enforced by the United States Department of Agriculture.	CERTIFICATE NO.
				PPA- 1068384
				PLACE EXAMINED Corn Belt, IA
				PLANT NUMBER P-1234

APPLICANT (Name and address, including ZIP)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER OR SELLER ^{1/}	NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECEIVER OR BUYER ^{1/}
Cluck Poultry Company 2468 Wheat St Corn Belt, IA 56789	Same As Applicant	Cluck Further Processing 17359 Universal Rd Iowa City, IA 52244

LOT NO.	NO. CONTAINERS PER LOT ^{1/}	NO. CONTAINERS EXAMINED	PRODUCT (KIND, CLASS, TYPE, STYLE, SUBSTYLE)	MARKED WEIGHT OF LOT ^{1/}	TEST Shortage Overage	TOTAL NET	OFFICIAL U.S. GRADE
1	24	All	Fresh RTC Whole Frying Chickens	36,142	-----	-----	US Grade B

LOT NO.	TYPE AND CONDITION OF CONTAINERS	WHERE HELD AND TEMPERATURE	CONTAINERS WERE STAMPED WITH
1	New Fiber Combo Bins	Trailer @ 38°F	USDA Contract Compliance with date mm/dd/yyyy
		Seal # 09756	

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION

Product represented by this certificate meets specification requirements for: FPPS for Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Legs (100100) DATED December 2022			☒ Product derived from poultry of domestic origin. ☒ Certification determined by online sampling. ☒ The number of containers shown above was counted by the official grader. ☐ Destination weight and temperature certification.
PURCHASE ORDER # 4100087954	SALES ORDER # 5000074812	ITEM # 100	Test weighing performed on _____ at _____ am/pm.

REMARKS:

Bulk Pack weight certification will be made at destination.

Slaughter date: mm/dd/yyyy

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

In compliance with the Regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture Governing the Grading of Poultry issued pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, and any other Act of Congress conferring like authority, it is certified that the product(s) listed hereon were examined and that the class, quality, quantity, and/or condition of the product(s) at the time and on the date shown, were as stated above.

Printed Grader's Name

Grader's Signature

mm/dd/yyyy

OFFICIAL GRADER (Printed Name & Signature)

DATE

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	POULTRY PRODUCTS GRADING CERTIFICATE		PLACE EXAMINED Iowa City, IA
			PLANT NUMBER P-4321

APPLICANT (Name and address, including ZIP) Cluck Further Processing 17359 Universal Rd Iowa City, IA 52244	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER OR SELLER <u>1/</u> Same As Applicant	NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECEIVER OR BUYER <u>1/</u> Same As Applicant
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1	24	2	Fresh RTC Frying Chickens	36,142	102	36,000	US Grade B

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PURCHASE ORDER # 4100067954	SALES ORDER # 500074812	ITEM # 100	Test weighing performed on <u>mm/dd/yyyy</u> at <u>hh:mm</u> am/pm.

REMARKS:

This is a bulk load purchased under the Standard Yield Program.

Product received in satisfactory condition with seal intact.

Product temperature range: 34°F- 38°F.

The product was shortweight 11.0 pounds on 2 samples:

11.0 lbs / 2 samples = 5.5 lbs shortweight x 24 combos = 132 lbs shortweight.

Total weight for the load is 36,010 lbs.

*Net weight limited to 36,000 lbs per the specification requirements.

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PURCHASE ORDER # 4100002222	SALES ORDER # 500028779	ITEM # 100

Test weighing performed on _____ at _____ am/pm.

REMARKS:

Slaughter Date - mm/dd/yyyy

Total net weight of product represented on this certificate was determined using online test weighing procedures.

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