MESS PORK

Is made from side-pieces of good fat hogs, weighing two hundred and fifty pounds to the carcase and upwards, taken from the shoulder to the hips, casting off the flank.

PRIME MESS PORK

Consists of one carcase to the barrel, (a carcase of pork weighing two hundred and twenty-seven or two hundred and twenty-eight pounds, the lard and trimmings off, makes a barrel); but we are accustomed to pack good fat hogs weighing from two hundred to two hundred and fifty pounds the carcase, as Prime Mess, observing when it be too heavy for a barrel to take from it, and add to the small ones, always retaining the coarse parts only of one hog to the barrel.

PRIME PORK

Is packed from good fat hogs, ranging from 160 to 200 lbs. the carcase, and consists of one and a half hog to the barrel; but in no case of more than the coarse parts of three half hogs, and the weight made up of side pieces. Prime Pork is also packed from the remaining parts of carcases from which Mess has been selected; but to consist of no more of the coarse parts than when packed from small hogs.

CARCO PORK

Is made of smaller hogs; but must not consist of more than the coarse parts of two carcases, and not packed from carcases of less than one hundred pounds weight. And, in some instances where the hams and shoulders are not packed, and there being a surplus of side Pork, too thin for Mess, we are accustomed to pack it as Thin Mess, for which we have no brand, but is convenient for home consumption.

From this explanation of the size and quality suitable