

FULLNESS OR BULGE.

Boxes of peaches should be full up to the cover, but with no bulge. Plums and prunes packed in four-basket plum-crates should have a bulge of about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Apple-boxes should have a total bulge, top and bottom, of $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. As small as 1 inch may be satisfactory on the very tight packs, while $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches is none too much on the open packs. Too great a bulge causes too much bruising, and too small a bulge means a light-weight box and one that will not carry well. Pears require a heavy bulge, between 2 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches total, top and bottom, on account of the great shrinkage of pears in shipment.

SOLIDITY OR COMPACTNESS.

The pack must be firm and solid, so that the fruits are immovable in any direction. Full weight is expected.

ATTRACTIVENESS AND STYLE OF PACK.

As packed, the box must be attractive, the wrapping smooth and even, with no torn papers; the general impression to be one of evenness, neatness, and uniformity. Of the three styles of packs, only the "diagonal" should be awarded a prize. "Square" or "offset" packs will be disqualified. A change of pack in the lower layers will also disqualify. The pack must be regular and it must be the correct pack for the shape and size of the fruit. Apples and pears should be shown wrapped, excepting the top layer, which should be packed unwrapped. As a general rule the close 2-2 packs in standard dessert varieties are preferred.

ALIGNMENT.

The rows of apples, across, along, and diagonally, must be in perfect alignment. This is the final evidence of skilful grading and packing. Proper alignment greatly increases the attractiveness of the packs.

PACKAGES AND SIZES FOR DIFFERENT FRUITS.

	Apples.	Pears and Crabs.	Plums.	Peaches.
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
Length	18	18	18	18
Width	$11\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$
Depth	$10\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4 or $3\frac{1}{2}$

Four-basket Crates.—Baskets, $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches at the top, $6\frac{1}{2}$ x $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches at the bottom, $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches deep, measured perpendicularly. Crates, $15\frac{3}{4}$ x $15\frac{3}{4}$ x $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Send to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Victoria, B.C., for:—
Bulletin 48, "Exhibiting Fruit and Vegetables."
Agricultural Department Circular No. 27, "Hints to Exhibitors—Fruit—Standards of Perfection on which the Judge's Scoring is Based."
Agricultural Department Circular No. 28, "Hints to Exhibitors—Fruit—Selection and Preparation of Plate Exhibits."

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