

Rules Governing Apple Grading and Storage **IDAPA 02.02.02**

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Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Inspection Service

1912 – Request of Industry

- Third party inspections to determine quality grades for both buyers and sellers
- Provide customer service inspections for the Export Apple Act and Marketing Orders
- Apples need to be inspected and identified into specific grades prior to being sold for export
- Perform inspections on 11 different commodities and certify over 10 billion pounds of produce each year
- Inspect commodities for requested quality and condition, using official grade standards developed by USDA
- Standards describe the requirements for each grade of a commodity

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Red Tape Reduction (multiple sections)

- Remove unnecessary and redundant language
- At the request of industry, incorporated long standing national grade standards
- Remove duplicative apple grade standards

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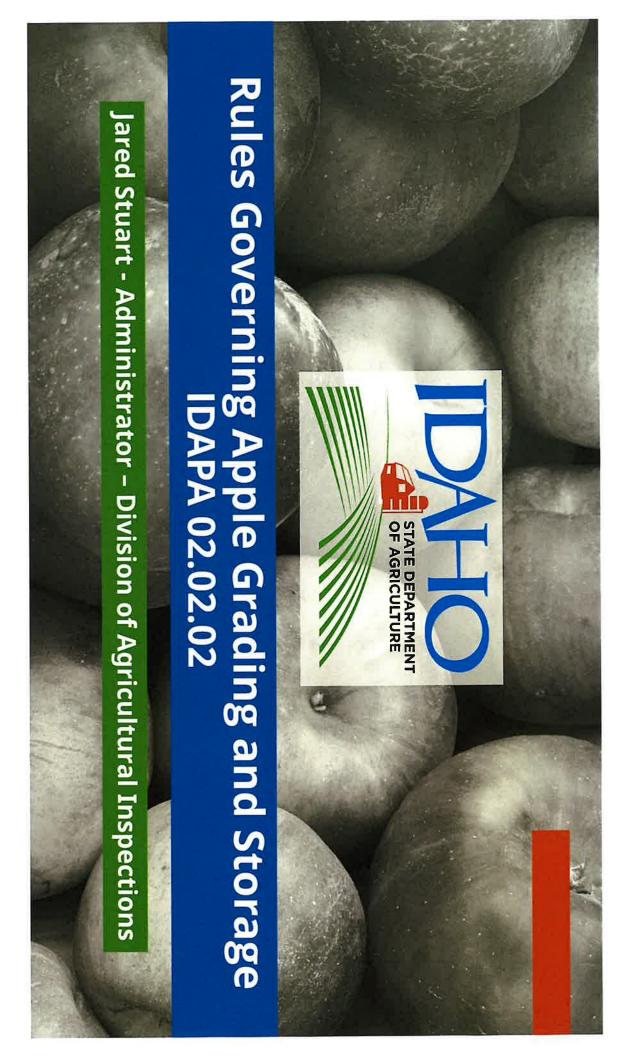
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