

## Revised Tangerine/Mandarin Classifications



## New Definition of Seedless

In order to be marketed as a seedless tangerine or mandarin, the fruit shall have five (5) seeds or less in a random sample of not less than twenty-five (25) pieces of fruit sampled. Up to three (3) twenty-five (25) piece samples of fruit may be averaged in order to meet the required seed count.

## New Definition of Low Seeded

In order to be marketed as a low-seeded tangerine or mandarin, the citrus fruit shall have an average of two (2) seeds or less per fruit in a random sample of not less than twenty-five (25) pieces of fruit and no one piece of fruit in the twenty-five (25) fruit sampled shall contain more than four (4) seeds. Up to three (3) twenty-five (25) piece samples of fruit may be averaged in order to meet the required seed average.

## Market Classification of Mandarin

The market classification of "Mandarin" shall be interchangeable with "Tangerine" provided:

The "Mandarin" shall meet either the "seedless" or "low-seeded" definitions

## Tangerines

- Tangerines can be:
  - Tangerines
  - "Low Seeded Tangerines"
  - "Seedless Tangerines"
- Mandarins are by definition low-seeded or seedless.
- Tango, Orri, US Early Pride, W. Murcott, Osceola and Lee are now in this category.
- Nova was discussed but not accepted.

## Packing Issues

- All of these newly classified varieties will be required to meet maturity standards
- The CAC has not established size and grade for these. This does present an opportunity for higher packouts on the low seeded easy peelers.
- If you claim a grade – you must meet the grade

### More packing issues

- 1. 20-35.001 (2) states "all" fruit must be graded...meaning, it does not have to meet a certain grade but has to have a "Florida" grade, USDA grade etc. or grade of some sort readily identifiable.
- If the approved container has a "registered" label, only fruit which will meet the grade that label represents will be permitted to be placed therein.
- Sugar Belle remains unclassified and would need to be ID'd as such

### More Information:

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