

USDA Corn Quality Grades

The U.S. has a reliable and transparent quality grading system.

U.S. No. 1	U.S. No. 2	U.S. No. 3	U.S. No. 4	U.S. No. 5
Minimum test weight per bushel: 56 pounds (25.4 kg)	Minimum test weight per bushel: 54 pounds (24.5 kg)	Minimum test weight per bushel: 52 pounds (23.6 kg)	Minimum test weight per bushel: 49 pounds (22.2 kg)	Minimum test weight per bushel: 46 pounds (20.9 kg)
Maximum limits: 0.1% heat damaged 3% total damaged 2% BCFM	Maximum limits: 0.2% heat damaged 5% total damaged 3% BCFM	Maximum limits: 0.5% heat damaged 7% total damaged 4% BCFM	Maximum limits: 1% heat damaged 10% total damaged 5% BCFM	Maximum limits: 3% heat damaged 15% total damaged 7% BCFM

Buyers should contract quality requirements and non-grade factors.

Final corn quality is also impacted by movement through export marketing channels.



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