

## Standard Pack Size – Weight-Count Converter Chart for Fruit

*The information should be used as a rough reference, and it is encouraged to contact directly the grower/vendor you purchase from to get accurate information about produce you order.*

### Fruit:

Produce	Standard Pack Size	Equivalent Count per Pack Size	Notes
<b>Apples</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40 lbs. box, usually layered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 72, 88, 100, 113, 125, 138, 150 or 163 count per container</li> </ul>	Size definition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 72 count: 3 ½ in in diameter</li> <li>• 88 count: 3 ¼ in in diameter</li> <li>• 100 count: 3 1/8 in in diameter</li> <li>• 113 count: 3 in in diameter</li> <li>• 125 count: 2 7/8 in in diameter</li> <li>• 138 count: 2 ¾ in in diameter</li> <li>• 150 count: 2 5/8 in in diameter</li> <li>• 163 count: 2 ½ in in diameter</li> </ul>
<b>Apricots</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24-lb lugs, with count per 1 lb stamped on exterior</li> <li>• 2- or 3-layer tray pack</li> <li>• *Most fruit packed 96-count tray pack</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 84, 96, and 108 apricots per tray pack</li> </ul>	Size definition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra jumbo: 8 per lb.</li> <li>• Jumbo: 10 per lb</li> <li>• Extra large: 12 per lb</li> <li>• Large: 14 per lb</li> <li>• Medium: 16 apricots per lb,</li> </ul>
<b>Blackberries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 6-oz. clamshells</li> <li>• 12 1/2-pint containers</li> <li>• 12 1-pint containers</li> </ul>		
<b>Blueberries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 6-oz. dry pints clamshells</li> <li>• 12 12-oz. dry pints clamshells</li> <li>• 5- and 10-lb. cartons</li> </ul>	Count varies by size <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 6-oz. dry pints clamshells yields about 9 cups of blueberries (36 servings if served ¼ cup per serving)</li> </ul>	Size definition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra Large: less than 90 berries per cup</li> <li>• Large: 90-129 berries per cup</li> <li>• Medium: 130-189 berries per cup</li> <li>• Small: 190-250 berries per cup</li> </ul>
<b>Cherries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11- to 20-lb. cartons or lugs</li> <li>• 32-lb. crates</li> </ul>		Size measured by how many rows of cherries fit per box; 9, 9.5, 10, 10.5, 11, 11.5, and 12 rows.





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<b>Grapes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10-, 18-, 23-, and 28-lb lugs or cartons</li> <li>• *Domestic grapes are packed in 23-lb lugs (Imported grapes [Chile] in 18-lb lugs)</li> <li>• 12 4-oz bags per box</li> <li>• 15 16-oz bags per box</li> </ul>		Color is the main characteristic to determine grade.
<b>Melons (Cantaloupe)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40-lb carton</li> <li>• bulk or in bins by count</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9, 12, 15, 18 or 23 melons per container</li> </ul>	Because cantaloupe is firm when shipped, it usually needs a few days storage at room temperature.
<b>Melons (Honeydew)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30-lb carton</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 or 12 melons per container</li> </ul>	Best melons are 4 and 5 count size. U.S. No. 1 Grade recommended.
<b>Melons (other)<sup>1</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30-lb carton</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 or 12 melons per container</li> </ul>	4 and 5 count are most popular. Medium size: 7- to 8-inch diameter.
<b>Nectarines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25-lb loose-fill cartons</li> <li>• 22-lb 2-layer tray pack</li> <li>• 18-lb 2-layer tray pack (Chile)</li> <li>• Single layer tray packs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 48, 56, 64, 72, 80, 88 or 96 nectarines per container</li> </ul>	Closed container should show count or minimum diameter.
<b>Peaches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 and 30-lb volume-fill boxes (3/4 bushel),</li> <li>• double-layer tray pack (about 22 lbs)</li> <li>• 25-lb loose-fill lugs (1/2 bushel)</li> <li>• single-layer tray pack</li> <li>• *Industry considers “standard pack” 3/4-bushel or 1/2-bushel baskets, and uses price per pound as bid unit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 48, 56, 64, 72, or 80 peaches per container</li> </ul>	Pack standard varies by region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern pack – by diameter (2, 2 ¼, 2 ½, 2 ¾ inches)</li> <li>• Western pack – by count in container</li> </ul> Closed container must show numerical count or minimum diameter.
<b>Pears</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36-lb bulk loose-fill cartons</li> <li>• 46-lb layer packed with individually wrapped pears</li> <li>• 22- to 28-lb two-layer cartons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 135, or 150 count</li> </ul>	Medium sizes are 110 and 135 counts (2 or 3 pears = 1 lb.). Usually picked mature but not ripe and require 2 to 3 days to ripen after received.

<sup>1</sup> Varieties include: *Casaba* (round, yellow rind, white flesh, sweet, juicy); *Crenshaw* (pointed at stem end, golden greenish rind, golden pink flesh, mild, sweet); *Juan Canary* (oblong, yellow rind, white flesh, sweet); *Persian* (round, rind like cantaloupe, pink-orange flesh, delicate flavor); *Santa Claus* (oblong, about 6 lb, green-gold rind with some netting, light green flesh, honeydew flavor)



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<b>Plums</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28-lb, 1/2-bushel volume-fill containers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small: 224-252 plums (1 ½ in. in diameter)</li> <li>• Medium: 140-168 plums (2 in. in diameter)</li> <li>• Large: 84-112 plums (2 ½ in. in diameter)</li> </ul>	
<b>Raspberries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-lb. boxes holding 12 6-oz. containers</li> <li>• 5-lb. boxes holding 9 8-oz. containers</li> <li>• 6-lb. boxes holding 12 8-oz. containers</li> <li>• 9-lb. boxes holding 24 6-oz. containers</li> </ul>		
<b>Strawberries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12-lb flats of 12 pints</li> <li>• 12-lb flats of 6 quarts</li> <li>• 6-lb bulk half trays</li> <li>• 9-lb flats holding 8 16-oz clamshells</li> <li>• 9-lb flats holding 16 8-oz clamshells</li> </ul>		
<b>Watermelons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 85-lb paperboard carton</li> <li>• bulk by the count</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 to 5 watermelons per 85-lb. carton</li> </ul>	Average 22 lb to 26 lb per watermelon. Harvested when prime ripe.

References:

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