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SUBJECT: Restricted Grades

The regulations under the Tobacco Inspection Act contained in 7 CFR Part 29, Subpart C Section 29.1115 authorizes Deputy Administrator, Cotton and Tobacco Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, to restrict any grade during any marketing season when it is found that the grade is not needed or appears in insufficient volume to justify its use.

Therefore, the following grades of flue-cured tobacco, types 11-14 and Burley types 31 are restricted for use during the 2015/2016 marketing season.

Flue-cured: N1PO X3S X4S X3LL X4LL C4KK C4S C4LL C5LL
C5LP C5FP H6F H6FR B6L B6F B6FR B5R B3S B4S B5S B6KL B3KD B4KD B5KD
B6KD B6KM B3KK B4KK B5KK B6KK B6G B5GR B6GK B5GG

Burley: B2FL B3FL B4FL

The M prefix preceding the grade mark.

Flue-cured Tobacco Grade Standards

BODY RELATIVE TO GROUPS/COLORS

BODY (STALK POSITION) APPLICABLE GROUP/COLORS

HIGHEST VALUE

THIN (MID-STALK/BELOW)	C	/	L
	X	/	L & X4KL
	(P)	/	L
	N	/	GL

MEDIUM (ABOVE/BELOW) (FULL RANGE)	C	/	F & V, KR, KL, KF, KM, G & GK
	X	/	F & V, KR, KL, KF, KM, KV, G & GK
	(P)	/	F & G
	(H)	/	F & K
	B	/	L & KV
N	/	L, XL, XO & KV	

FLESHY (MID-STALK/ABOVE)	(H)	/	FR
	B	/	F, FR & K, KR, V & G
	M	/	KR
	N	/	K & GF

HEAVY (MID-STALK/ABOVE)	B	/	KL, KF, KM & GK
	M	/	F & KM & GK
	N	/	R & GR & GG

LOWEST VALUE

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Flue-cured Tobacco Grade Standards
 MATURITY AND LEAF STRUCTURE RELATIVE TO GROUPS/COLORS

MATURITY(STALK POSITION) APPLICABLE GROUP/COLORS

 HIGHEST VALUE

MELLOW

OPEN / (H) F, FR & K

RIPE

OPEN / C L, F & KR

X L, F & KR

(PRE-MATURELY RIPE)

OPEN / (P) L & F

RIPE

FIRM / B L, F, FR, K & KR

MATURE

OPEN / C V

X V

FIRM / B V

UNRIPE

FIRM / B KV

X KV

CLOSE

/ C KL, KF & KM

X KL, KF & KM

B KL, KF & KM

TIGHT

/ B5KL, KM & B5-6KF

IMMATURE(CRUDE)

FIRM / X G

(P) G

CLOSE

/ C G & GK

X GK

B G & GK

TIGHT

/ B5G & GK

LOWEST VALUE

Flue-cured Tobacco Grade Standards

OIL RELATIVE TO GROUPS/QUALITIES

OIL (GROUP/QUALITY)	APPLICABLE GRADES
HIGHEST VALUE	
RICH (MID-STALK/ABOVE)	/ B1-2 L, F & FR
OILY (ABOVE/BELOW) (FULL RANGE)	/ B3-4 L, F, FR & V B3K, KR & B4G C2-3 L & F X1-2 L & F (P)2 L & F
LEAN (ABOVE/BELOW) (FULL RANGE)	/ (H)3-5 F, 4-5 FR & 4-6K B5 L, F, FR & V B4-6K & B4-5KR B3-5KL, KM B3-6 KF, B4-6 KV, B5G & B4-5 GK C4-5 L & F C4V, KR C4 KL, KF, KM & C4G & GK X3-5 L & F X3-4V, KR X4 KL, KF, KV X3-4 KM, X4-5G & X4GK (P)3-5 L & F (P)4-5G M4-5 F M4KR M4-5 KM & GK
LOWEST VALUE	NIL, XL, K, R, KV, XO, BO, GL, GF, GR & GG N2 S

Flue-cured Tobacco Grade Standards

COLOR INTENSITY RELATIVE TO GROUPS/QUALITIES

COLOR INTENSITY

APPLICABLE GRADES

HIGHEST VALUE

DEEP	/	C	1	L & F	90 % UNIFORMITY	
			2	L & F	85 % UNIFORMITY	
		B	1	L, F & FR	90 % UNIFORMITY	
			2	L, F & FR	85 % UNIFORMITY	
STRONG	/	C	3	L & F	80 % UNIFORMITY	
			X	1	L & F	80 % UNIFORMITY
		X	2	L & F	75 % UNIFORMITY	
			(H)	3	F & FR	80 % UNIFORMITY
		B	3	L, F, FR	80 % UNIFORMITY	
MODERATE	/	C	4	L & F	70 % UNIFORMITY	
			X	3	L & F	70 % UNIFORMITY
		(P)	2	L & F	75 % UNIFORMITY	
			(H)	4	F & FR	70 % UNIFORMITY
		B	4	L, F & FR	70 % UNIFORMITY	
WEAK	/	C	4	L & F	70 % UNIFORMITY	
			C	5	L & F	70 % UNIFORMITY
		X	4	L & F	70 % UNIFORMITY	
			(P)	3	L & F	70 % UNIFORMITY
		(H)	5	F & FR	70 % UNIFORMITY	
			B	5	L, F & FR	70 % UNIFORMITY
PALE	/	X	5	L & F	70 % UNIFORMITY	
			(P)	4	L & F	70 % UNIFORMITY
			(P)	5	L & F	70 % UNIFORMITY

LOWEST VALUE

Standards, Types 11, 12, 13, 14 & 92

UNIFORMITY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
 INJURY-WASTE MAXIMUM TOLERANCES
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B-GROUP
 H-GROUP
 C-GROUP
 X-GROUP
 P-GROUP
 M-GROUP
 N-GROUP
 S-GROUP

				UNIFORMITY			INJURY			WASTE			
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				%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
B, C	1			90			5			0			
B, C	2	X	1	85	80		10	20		0	5		
B, H, C	3	X, P	2	80	75		15	25		0	10		
B, H, C	4	X, P	3	70	70		20	40		5	20		
B, H, C	5	X, P	4	M 4	70	70	--	30	--	30	10	30	10
B, H	6	X, P	5	M 5	70	70	--	40	--	40	20	40	20
* (exception)	B4KV			70			* --			* 25			
(injury, waste)	B5KV			70			* --			* 30			
	B6KV			70			* --			* 40			
	N 1						50			50			
	N 2						>50			>50			