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FORCED AIR COOLING FOR FRESH PRODUCE AG-414-3

*North Carolina State Extension Service
North Carolina State University
Box 7602, Ricks Hall
Raleigh, NC 27695*

Describes the basic set-up to cool larger volumes of produce in pallet boxes or palletized produce in shipping containers. Contains clear descriptions and diagrams.

PROTECTING PERISHABLE FOODS DURING TRANSPORT BY TRUCK

*USDA Office of Transportation
Agricultural Handbook No. 669*

Excellent basic guidebook. Chapters include types of refrigeration and cooling, preparation for loading, methods of loading, regulatory considerations, specific commodity requirements, estimating mobile refrigeration requirements and load compatibility groups.

USDA

*Regulatory Branch
Fruit and Vegetable Division
Agricultural Marketing
and Inspection Service
Washington, DC 20250
202-447-2791
202-737-7766
or
Federal Office Bldg
819 Taylor Street, Room 9C03
Fort Worth, TX 76102
817-335-1630*

PACA Regulations. PACA provides for damages to be paid by those who fail to meet their contractual obligations in buying or selling fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables. PACA requires payment within 21 days of receipt. Interstate traders, such as brokers, dealers and merchants must be licensed, and law requires their licenses be suspended or revoked if they fail to pay the reparation reward. Details on who is required to be licensed under PACA is available through USDA. Generally, individual growers do not need to be licensed unless they also sell interstate produce grown by other farmers.

BUILDING AND OPERATING A VEGETABLE PACKING SHED ON THE FARM

*Dr. William C. Hurst
Cooperative Extension Service
University of Georgia
Athens, GA
Bulletin 899
September, 1984*

Excellent introduction and guide to efficient packing shed design and grading equipment. This publication includes a list of additional references on packing and shipping fresh produce.

Bell (Sweet) Pepper Grader's Manual

*G. C. Antle and C. E. Johnson
Michigan State University
1981*

Provides photos and charts for determining defect limits in bell (sweet) peppers.

The Cost of Producing Bell Peppers

*A. E. Shapely, E. James, & T. A. Dudek
Michigan State University
1990
50*

Provides data to aid in bell pepper production decisions. Includes tables and forms.

Federal Grade Standards

*Fresh Products Branch
Agricultural Marketing Service
Fruit & Vegetable Division, USDA
P.O. Box 96456, Room 2056 - South Bldg.
Washington, DC 20090-6456*

Single copies of federal grade standards are free. Be sure to specify which crops you are interested in, and whether you want the fresh market or processing grade standards.

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