

# Squash, Soft Shell (Summer)\*

(SUMMER)



## Sizes:

### Crookneck/Straightneck/Zucchini

Small  
Medium  
Large

### Pattypan:

Small  
Medium  
Large  
Jumbo

## Grades:

U.S. No. 1  
U.S. No. 2

Note: not all soft-shell squash is graded. Ungraded soft-shell squash is called "unclassified."

Differences between grades are based primarily on external appearance.

## Popular Varieties

Crookneck – Cylindrical shape with bulb end, creamy yellow rind, white flesh and seeds.

Opo squash – A long, thin, light green soft-shell squash that originates from tropical Southeast Asia.

Pattypan – Round, squat shape with scalloped edges.

Scallopini – A cross between pattypan and zucchini, it is shaped like a top with emerald green skin.

Straightneck – Cylindrical shape, creamy yellow rind, white flesh and seeds.

Zucchini – Cylindrical shape, dark green shiny rind with some light speckling, white flesh, and seeds.

## How Packed

10- to 42-lb bushel containers, crates, and lugs.

## In Season

Available year-round

## Receiving

- Inspect for quality. Summer squash should be firm with shiny, tender rinds, color typical of variety and free of injury.
- Reject pitted, dull, or spotted squash.

## Storing

- Store at 45-50°F/7-10°C, 85-95% relative humidity
- Store in a well-ventilated area
- Keep away from ethylene producing fruits and ripening rooms.

## Standard of Identity Reference

None

## Grade Standard Reference

Title 7 CFR 51.4050 through 51.4062

## Sample Description

SQUASH, SOFT-SHELL (SUMMER), CROOKNECK, FRESH: to be packed to U.S. No. 1 Grade standard; small; 22-lb. carton.