

## FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

WASHINGTON

ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO  
THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

X-7260

October 3, 1932.

SUBJECT: Grading Service of United States  
Department of Agriculture.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith copy of a letter received by the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board from the Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture, advising of the extension of that bureau's commercial grading service to include canned fruits and vegetables. A copy of the sample grade certificate referred to in the letter is also inclosed for your information. Should you desire additional information regarding this service, the Board will be glad to transmit any request which you may make to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Very truly yours,

Chester Morrill,  
Secretary.

Inclosures.

TO GOVERNORS OF ALL F. R. BANKS.

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Washington, D. C.

September 28, 1932.

Mr. Eugene Meyer,  
Chairman, Federal Reserve Board,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Meyer:

The attention of this Bureau has been drawn at various times to the difficulty experienced by canners and others in financing their operations. Bankers have also indicated to the Bureau at times their lack of interest in canned foods paper owing to their lack of information in connection with the grade and value of the products offered as collateral.

Realizing the interest of the Federal Reserve Board in the character of agricultural paper supporting discounts and acceptances, I am taking the liberty of mentioning to you one of the services of this Bureau.

For a number of years this Bureau has maintained a commercial grading service through which official certificates of grade and condition on lots of agricultural products, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, poultry, meats, hay, etc., may be had by financially interested parties. It has not been until recently that the Bureau has had authority to certificate the grade of canned fruits and vegetables. This additional authority was included in a recent appropriation bill.

The certificates are issued only by employees of this Department. A small fee is charged for the service. A specimen certificate is enclosed for your information. Should you desire additional copies for the various Federal Reserve banks, or copies of the regulations governing the service, and will advise me, I will see that they are furnished you.

The purpose of this letter is merely to advise you that the services mentioned are now available. It is our desire to be of every service possible in the handling and marketing of these products.

Sincerely yours,

(s) Nils A. Olsen  
Chief of Bureau.

Enclosure.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS  
CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GRADE CERTIFICATE

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No 55

This certificate is admissible in all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statement therein contained. This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with any of the regulatory laws enforced by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Date Sept. 23, 1932 Hour

To Cannerns National Bank  
(Applicant)

Address Chicago, Illinois

Shipper or Seller Merchants Warehouse Corp.

Address Cannersville, Wisconsin

Receiver or Buyer

Address

I certify that in compliance with the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture governing the inspection and grading of canned fruits and vegetables, pursuant to the act making appropriations for the United States Department of Agriculture, I personally drew at random and graded samples of the lot of canned fruits or vegetables described below and that the quality and condition as shown by the samples on above date were as stated below:

Lot or Car Number 55      Where Located No. 4, 1200 South St., Cannernsville, (Wis. Merchants Warehouse C, Compartment)

Product graded Canned Peas      Number, size, and kind of containers 1000 cases each containing 24 No. 2 size tins.

Code or other identification marks on cans W I C 3

Principal title of Label (if any) Fine Wisconsin Sweet Peas. Small Size.

Vacuum Readings - 4 to 6 inches

Drained Weight in Ozs. -  $13\frac{1}{2}$  to 14

Grade: U. S. GRADE A (Fancy)

Score: 92 to 94 points.

Remarks: Lot stacked in blocks 3 x 4 cases, 11 cases high. Packed in sanitary, enameled tins, neatly labelled. Check samples retained.

(SEAL) Fee \$5.00

Expenses 1.23

Total \$6.23

J. W. Petrie

Official Grader.

Address

PLEASE REFER TO THIS CERTIFICATE BY NUMBER AND MARKET