# *Updated:06/18/18 Implemented:10/09/14*

## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

**Product Code: 21224** 

**Product:** Pork Back Ribs (Rantoul Choice)

## **Cutting/Boning Instructions**

*Trim Specs:* 1) Any remaining diaphragm tissue removed. 2) Tag ends removed. 3) Giblet meat removed.

Wt/Size Spec: 11-14 Rib bones

**Primal Specification:** Shoulder/Middle separation: Middle is removed from shoulder via a straight cut between the  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  rib. Ham is removed from middle 1.25" anterior to aitch bone. 4" scribe width measured from the junction of the  $10^{th}$  rib with the chine to the sawed edge.

**Further Butchering Procedures:** Back rib removed from rack portion of loin. One dark (strap meat) and one light (loin eye) band is left in a thin layer over the length of the back ribs. These bands should be as thin as possible. No more than 5 double bones at the shoulder end.

Additional Description: 1) No more than 5 double bones permitted on shoulder end.

## **Packaging Specifications**

Storage: Frozen

Pack Style: COV/BOX

Bag Use/Fze by date: NO Box Use/Fze by date: NO

Case Wt: 30 (lbs.) catch weight

Pcs/Bag: 2

Bags/Box: 5

## **Quality Control:**

<u>Critical Defect Criteria</u> 1) Width of less than 3.75" at widest part or less than 2.5" at shoulder end. 3) 3 or more shiners exceeding 2" in length.

<u>Major Defect Criteria</u> 1) More than 5 double bones 2) 3 or more shiners exceeding 1" in length. 3) Width of less than 4" at ham end and 2" at shoulder end.

<u>Minor Defect Criteria</u> 1) Excessive loin meat left on the back rib. 2) Presence of giblet or diaphragm membrane on inside surface. 3) Less than 10 ribs on the rack.

#### **Quality Control Measures:**

Routine Rib Audits.



