

Major Defects Of Hot Peppers Destined For Export

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EXTERNAL DEFECTS



Presence of worms:

This is a major defect and the berries will be rejected on the export market.



Presence of worm holes:

Once holes are present it indicates a possible infestation by worms and these will also be rejected.



Peppers with water soaked spots these are also a major defect category.



Peppers with brown stems or severely damaged stem:

A dark green stem is normally associated with a fresh pepper. Damaged or brown stems are normally associated with peppers which have suffered quality loss.



Peppers with severe cracking also constitute a major defect category.



Peppers with damaged or missing stems.



Stem Yellowing

Its is a sign of quality loss and is not acceptable on the export market



Peppers with soil:

This constitute a major quarantine issue and can result in rejection of the entire shipment.



Anthracnose:

This is a disease that starts on the field and can cause serious postharvest losses.



Compression damage:

This is normally associated with transportation in improper field packaging e.g. Polypropylene sacks



Presence of eggs:

Another major defect



Pesticide Contamination