

Acceptably Clean Transport of Produce

*Specific requirements are in Minnesota Rules 1550.0930 – 1550.1020:
<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/1550.0930/>*

1. Delivery equipment is clean, sanitary and in good repair; and designed to prohibit contamination of the produce by dust, etc. during transport.

Examples of acceptable “Delivery equipment:”

- The smooth, cleanable, non-porous interior of a transport vehicle. This would allow transport of produce in open boxes or crates within that vehicle.
- A clean container with smooth, cleanable, non-porous interior that is sufficiently sealed to prevent contamination of the produce. This would allow use of a transport vehicle that does not meet standards for transport of open crates or boxes of produce.

2. The manager or other individual responsible for the aggregation & distribution business is not a trained inspector to be tasked with “inspection” of transport vehicles. However, any buyer who receives produce from any source is expected to look and verify that the transport vehicle is generally clean and not contaminating the produce being transported.

3. Clean transport could be facilitated by a document that describes acceptable transport of produce and is signed by the person transporting to verify that they understand their responsibility for safe transport.