

# Cutting Instructions



## A) Drained Weight Test:

1. Open a can of comparison product.
2. Place a (size 8 mesh) sieve over a pitcher to catch the juice. Gently invert can and pour contents into sieve. (Do not shake.)
3. Allow to drain for exactly 2 minutes. Note: If using a flat mesh screen, tilt at a 30° angle. (Do not shake.) Set juice aside.
4. Immediately and gently pour meat product from sieve into a clear glass (4 cup) measurement beaker. (Do not shake.)
5. Weigh meat beaker and record weight.
6. Repeat steps 1 through 5 with Clearwater Chopped Clams.



Compare drained weights of products by subtracting weight of empty glass beaker from each. Note: A higher drained weight is better!



## B) Volume test

1. Visual volume comparison. Place meat beakers side by side for volume comparison. Note: A higher volume level is optimal!



## C) Juice Test (Brix Amount)

1. Place flasks of clam juice side by side for color comparison. Note: A more opaque and less grey juice is preferred!



## D) Grit Test

1. Pour meat from beakers onto two separate metal or plastic trays. (Suggestion: identical metal baking sheets)
2. Return approximately half the juice to each tray of meat by pouring it over the meat.
3. Move a metal or plastic spoon (bowl side down) around the surface of the tray while listening for scrapping sounds. Note: Less sounds means less grit!



### important

For accurate results, all products should be tested at room temperature. Products should not be shaken down at any stage of the test. Draining times should be identical.

## Comparison Chart

	Clearwater Chopped Clams	Comparison Product
<b>Meat</b>		
Higher drained weight	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Higher (visual) volume	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less grit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Liquid</b>		
Better color (more opaque/less grey)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Taste Comparison</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Costing Comparison

Canned Clam Comparison	Clearwater Chopped Clams	Comparison Product
Invoiced Price/can    A		
Drained weight        B		
Cost of drained weight    A/B		