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US GRAIN STANDARDS ACT (USGSA) FEE SCHEDULE

This fee schedule supersedes all other fee schedules issued by this office. Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) must approve all fees for official services and Official Agencies will assess only those fees appearing on their current approved fee schedule. This fee schedule is not valid unless signed seal appears on each page.

FGIS Administrative Tonnage Fees: In addition to all other applicable fees, FGIS administrative tonnage fees for export grain shipments inspected and/or weighed, excluding land carrier shipments to Canada and Mexico, will be assessed at the current per metric ton rate identified in FGIS Directive 9180.74 Service Fees and Billing Codes, Attachment 1. Invoices will identify assessed administrative tonnage fees as separate line items per applicable carrier/unit type.

FGIS Supervision Fees: In addition to all other applicable fees, FGIS supervision fees for domestic U.S. grain shipments inspected and/or weighed, including land carrier shipments to Canada and Mexico, will be assessed at the current per metric ton rate identified in FGIS Directive 9180.74 Service Fees and Billing Codes, Attachment 2. Invoices will identify assessed supervision fees as separate line items per applicable carrier/unit type.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

Hours:

Fargo, ND: Front office hours, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except holidays.

Sampling and Inspection at Fargo office: 5:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Regular Hourly Rates:

Technician and/or Sampler \$31.00 per hour.

Inspector \$42.00 per hour.

Additional Labor: \$40.00 per hour.

Rates assessed in ½ hour increments.

Overtime Hourly Rate: 1 ½ time regular hourly rate applied to all hours outside the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for sampling/inspection and Saturday. Sunday and Holidays will be charged at double time.

Holidays Include: New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve after noon, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve after noon. Holidays that fall on Saturday will be observed on preceding Friday; those that fall on Sunday will be observed on following Monday.

Standby Rates: Will be charged an applicable hourly rate for delays not caused by the Agency and will apply in one-hour increments.

Minimum Hourly Call-out Rates: Minimum 2 hours at applicable hourly rate will apply Monday through Sunday. This includes office work outside of normal business hours.

Mileage Fees: Mileage will be assessed at the rate of less than or equal to the IRS standard mileage rate and will be prorated when possible.

Travel Time: Will be charged at the applicable hourly rate and prorated when possible.

Finance Charge: 1 ½% per month after 30 days from Statement Date.

Credit Card Fee: Direct pass-through of credit card charge from credit card processor, if credit card is used.

Fee Inclusions: Unit fees below include certification, unless otherwise noted, and will note whether the fee includes sampling, grading of factor(s) and/or both. Hourly and mileage fees will be in addition to the unit fee unless stated otherwise.

NDGI reserves the right to determine the number of personnel required to properly provide the service requested.



OFFICIAL SERVICES

All official services included the applicable certificates per FGIS guidelines and instructions.

Official Sampling and Grades¹:

DT – Rail ²	\$20.85
Truck ²	\$19.55
Probe/Pelican Rail ²	\$23.95
Single Factor – Truck or Rail ²	\$17.25
Canola Inspection (plus appropriate sampling fee)	\$14.40
Container ²	\$18.90
Bag/Tote per 2000 pounds (min. \$18.50 per lot, plus hr. & mileage)	\$0.93

Sampling:

Probe only – Truck	\$13.75
Probe only – Rail.....	\$15.95
Sampling Only – DT/Pelican/Ellis Cup – Rail – Truck (plus hourly)	\$12.60
Double Probes (In addition to original sampling charge).....	\$10.00
12 ft Probe-Rail (In addition to original sampling charge).....	\$5.50
Sampling Only - Container, Bins, Totes, Bags.....	\$13.40

Submitted Samples:

Submitted Grade ²	\$11.50
Submitted Sample single factor ²	\$8.25
Submitted Grade (canola only)	\$15.00
Submitted Sample Single factor (canola only)	\$9.50

Reinspections:

Reinspection, basis new sample	(same as original fee)
Reinspection, basis file sample ²	\$11.50
Reinspection, basis file sample (canola only).....	\$14.90

Sealing Carriers:

Sealing: Plastic Seals

Per Seal, Additional labor & hourly charges may apply	\$1.50
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Sealing: Cable Seals (1/16 inch)

Per Seal plus Additional Labor hourly charge (Recommended for Wheat and Barley Cars).....	\$2.50
- A picture of every Railcar ID and each seal is taken and stored at NDGI for 30 days.	
- An extra person will be sent out solely to take pictures and charged at the Additional Labor Rate.	

NDGI is not responsible for the plastic/cable seals after the railcar leaves the applicants property. It is the applicant’s responsibility to confirm all seals have been applied by NDGI to their satisfaction.

Certification – applicants request seal numbers recorded on certificate, per certificate	\$2.45
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¹ All Sampling/on-site inspecting charges are in addition to appropriate hourly rates and mileage
² Includes all grains except Canola

Part Time Inspection and/or Sampling at Elevator Site:

The elevator must provide office space, all equipment, and guarantee an average of 6 carriers (excluding barges) per hour per loading time. (All travel time will be billed at hourly rate)

Per diem per person – Room: Actual Cost; When Room is Required, Meals: \$25.00/person/meal

Additional Official Tests/Charges:

Stowage Exam Only	\$11.40
Insect Damaged Kernels on 100 Grams per applicant requests	\$5.75
Extra Factor determination when requested (may include factors such as SBOC, specific damages, among others)	\$3.50
NMR Oil Test	\$9.00
NIRT Protein test (all wheat)	\$6.15
NIRT Barley Protein	\$6.15
NIRT Protein and or Oil (soybeans)	\$7.45
NIRT Protein, Oil and Starch (corn)	\$7.45
Vomitoxin Test (DON)	\$35.00
Vomitoxin Test (DON Dilution) (plus original test charge)	\$30.00
Aflatoxin Test	\$35.00
Fumonisin Test ³	\$36.00
Zearalenone Test ³	\$36.00 + Shipping Charges to Ohio Office
Ochratoxin Test ³	\$41.00 + Shipping Charges to Ohio Office
Corn - Total Stress Crack	\$7.75
Corn – Single, Double & Multiple Stress Crack.....	\$11.40
Corn – Waxy corn test.....	\$11.40
Composite Sample Preparation (per samples in composite)	\$1.75
Composite Sample Preparation (per samples in composite if requested after grade)	\$3.10
Class X Weights	\$4.90
Witness Fumigation per carrier.....	\$6.00
Canadian Thistle Inspection	\$6.00
Stowage Exam Certification	\$6.00
921-2 Statement Fee.....	\$2.00
Combined-Lot Certification (per certificate being combined)	\$6.00
Certificate – Duplicate or Corrected	\$2.50

Checktesting Charges:

Approval of DT Samplers & Checktesting \$61.75 per hour per person plus mileage and travel time at applicable rate.

All customers are responsible for the charges of maintaining equipment and laboratory.

Delivery / Pickup charges:

Special Handling per Sample

Shipping of Samples, per Customer Request, will be charged at the rate OA incurred by shipping companies on top of special handling.

Contract Services:

Official Commercial inspection services are available upon request

Official services not covered by above fees will be charged at hourly rate



³ Certificates may be issued by NDGI Ohio office.

SERVICES NOT PERFORMED UNDER THE USGSA

Hourly Rates: All services performed that require hourly rates to be applied will follow the same pricing as USGSA hourly rates.

Grades (2-4 Factors, unless specified in fee schedule below)..... \$13.00
 (All grains not listed under the USGSA)

Extra Tests:

Additional Factors \$4.00
 Single Factor \$8.50
 NMR Oil Test \$9.00
 NIRT/Protein Test..... \$8.00
 Phyto Request \$7.50
 Insects..... \$3.50
 Aflatoxin (Non-Approved Grains)..... \$36.00
 Vomitoxin (Non-Approved Grains)..... \$36.00
 Vomitoxin Test (DON Dilution) (plus original test charge) (Non-Approved Grains)..... \$31.00
 Fumonisin Test (Non-Approved Grains)..... \$36.00
 Zearalenone Test (Non-Approved Grains) \$36.00 + Shipping Charges to Ohio Office
 Ochratoxin Test (Non-Approved Grains)..... \$41.00 + Shipping Charges to Ohio Office
 T2-HT2 \$41.00 + Shipping Charges to Ohio Office
 GMO strip test..... \$20.00
 Falling Number (Single Drop + AMA Equations)..... \$15.00
 Falling Number (Double Drop + AMA Equations)..... \$27.00

For AMA/Official Falling Number fee, please see NDGI's AMA Fee Schedule

Seed Germination \$18.50
 Seed Germination (48-hour quick germ)..... \$18.50
 Seed Count per Pound/Ounce \$18.50
 Black Light Mold Test \$7.75
 Sunflower Roastability \$21.50
 Edible Beans/Other Pulses \$26.50

Additional Charges:

Certified Weights (Per Carrier) (plus hourly)..... \$7.75
 Sampling Per Unit (Plus Sampler Hourly & Mileage)..... \$12.00
 Duplicate & Corrected Certificate \$2.50
 Special Handling \$7.50
 Package Declaration Certificate \$25.00
 Composite Sample Preparation (per samples in composite) \$1.75
 Composite Sample Preparation (per samples in composite if requested after grade)..... \$3.10

Prices subject to change without notice.
 For AMA Services, please see NDGI's AMA Fee Schedule.