

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

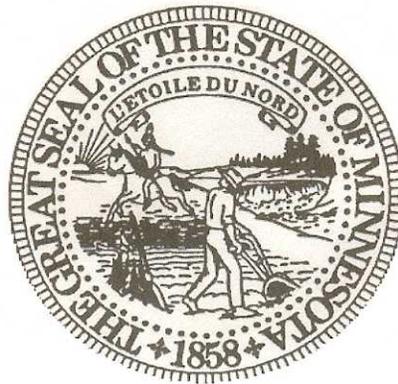
**PLANT PROTECTION DIVISION**

**GRAIN INSPECTION UNIT**

**TELEPHONE: 218-723-4696**

**FEEES FOR GRAIN INSPECTION**  
**AND**  
**WEIGHING SERVICES**

**EFFECTIVE: June 1, 2006**



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### INSPECTION POINTS

**DULUTH** - 716 Garfield Avenue,  
Duluth, Minnesota 55802  
Phone Number 218-423-4695

### EFFECTIVE DATE-

This revised schedule of fees is effective June 1, 2006. The Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) must approve all fees for official services and OAs will assess only those fees appearing on their current approved fee schedule.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

The fees set forth in this schedule relate to the sampling, inspection, weighing, and certification services at permanently staffed inspection points. Federal Grain Inspection Service Supervision Fees are assessed in accordance with the schedule shown on page 13 of this schedule. These federal fees are included where possible.

### REGULAR HOURS

Inspection Services -8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sampling and Weighing Services -8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

These hours are for Monday through Friday. All other hours, including Saturday, Sunday, and all Holidays, shall be considered overtime unless a concurrent second or third shift exists at a permanently staffed location.

### HOLIDAYS\*

New Years Day

President's Day

Independence Day

Veteran's Day

Day After Thanksgiving

Martin Luther King's Day

Memorial Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

\* Holidays falling on a Saturday are observed on the Friday before the Holiday. Holidays falling on Sunday are observed on the following Monday.



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### SERVICE REQUESTS

To assure prompt service beyond the regular hours, request must be received by:

1. 12:00 noon for 2nd or 3rd shifts, Monday through Friday.
2. 2:00 p.m. of the preceding workday for services on Saturday, Sunday, or Holidays.
3. 2:00 p.m. on the preceding workday for services at locations not permanently staffed.

### CANCELLATIONS

A minimum of four (4) hours per employee will be assessed for requested service unless the request is canceled by:

1. 12:00 noon for 2nd or 3rd shift on regular workdays.
2. 2:00 p.m. on the regular workday preceding the Saturday, Sunday, or Holidays.

### HOURLY CHARGES

**Regular Hours Contract**-\$32.50 per hour per employee (includes travel time).

(The hourly rate will be charged in addition to the unit rate if the average loading rate is less than four cars per hour).

**Regular Hours Non-Contract**-\$36.00 per hour per employee (includes travel time)

**Overtime Hours Contract** -\$48.75 per hour per employee (includes travel time)

**Overtime Hours Non-Contract**-\$54.00 per hour per employee (includes travel time)

Hourly charges will apply when:

1. no other fee is established
2. appropriate fee does not cover the cost of provided services.
  - a. Service requested during overtime hours.
  - b. Travel time when services are requested at locations other than permanently established service points.

A minimum of three (3) hours, at the appropriate overtime rate, will be assessed on Saturday, Sunday, or Holidays.



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### TRAVEL EXPENSES

Mileage charge of current IRS rate per round trip mile will be assessed.

When an employee incurs additional expenses (i.e., meals, lodging, etc.) while performing requested services, the expenses will be charged back to the applicant. When employee is required to work ten (10) or more consecutive hours during continuous loading or unloading operations, the cost of a meal will be charged back to the applicant.

### SUNFLOWER SEED OIL TEST

Requests for oil tests for sunflower seed will be forwarded to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture in Superior. Test results and billing for these services will be handled by their official agency.

### SCALE FACILITY INSPECTIONS

Scales intended for official weighing must be reviewed and approved prior to use. We can assist you with this process at an hourly rate which includes the following:

1. On-site review of weighing area.
2. Review of scale readouts to ensure State supervisory needs are met.
3. Weighing handbook.
4. Up to four (4) hours of training for elevator personnel to advise them of their responsibilities.
5. Facility handbook.

### MECHANICAL SAMPLER INSTALLATION INSPECTIONS (NEW OR MAJOR MODIFICATIONS)

Mechanical sampler intended for official sampling must be reviewed and approved prior to use. We can assist you with this process at an hourly rate which includes the following.

1. On-site review of sampler's planned work area and blueprints.
2. On-site review of in progress installation.
3. Final on-site review of installation prior to checktesting.
4. Checktest for approval.



**TIMELY PAYMENT**

Invoices will be issued monthly for services rendered. If payment is not received within thirty (30) days of the invoiced month, the account may be referred to the Minnesota Collection Enterprise for collection. A charge of \$15.00 will be assessed for all returned checks. Services may be withheld until the delinquent account is paid in full. Delinquent accounts may be subject to prepayment for requested services.

**CONTRACT**

Contracts for official sample-lot or submitted sample services are available. The contracts can be tailored to meet customer needs and may deviate from unit prices where the volume and work performed allow an efficiency of operation which can be reflected in the contract price.

Contracts for commercial services are available for high volume operations. The contracts can be tailored to meet customer needs and may deviate from the single unit prices on the commercial fee schedule where the volume and grain quality factors allow an efficiency of operation which can be reflected in the contract price. Contracts of this nature are allowed under the U.S. Grain Standards of 1976 Act 7 USC 78, the applicable Federal rules in the 800 series established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Commissioner's authority under MN. Statute 17B Grain Inspection.

**SERVICES UNDER THE U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT**

**Official Inspection Services- includes sampling**

Unit Inspection Fees (Inspection Results includes test weight, moisture, dockage (if applicable), and all factors relevant to the numerical grade applied.)

Bulk Grain*, per 1,000 bushels rounded up to the nearest 1,000 per unit by either method.	
Probe or pelican sample .....	4.05
D/T sample .....	3.25

\*FGIS User Fees for Ships is \$0.011 per metric ton for inspection or weighing not included in above rates.

**NOTE WHERE APPLICABLE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING RATES INCLUDE THE STANDARDISED METRIC TONS, MUTIPLIED BY \$0.011, SUPERVISION FEE**



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**Official Inspection Services Continue - includes sampling**

Railcars, per car, includes all methods of sampling.....	24.80
Truck/trailer, per carrier, probe sample .....	13.50
Truck/trailer, per carrier, D/T sample .....	11.00
Container, per carrier, probe sample.....	11.00
Submitted sample.....	11.00
Mechanical sampler checktest samples, per sample .....	6.00
Reinspection, based on new sample.....	applicable carrier fee
Reinspection, based on file sample, per sample .....	11.80
Portion of State file sample .....	4.50
Extra factor, any factor (in addition to grade) which.....	5.00
is not required to establish grade, or is not otherwise required by regulations. Not applicable for corn BCFM or DKT, soybeans DKT, FM or Splits, or wheat DEF. Also includes % of DHV, % of HVAC, Stone Count, Weevil Count, Foreign Substance Count, Matter Remaining on Top of Sieve, Animal Filth Count, % of Other Grain in Foreign Material or Dockage, Damage types, and Admixture.	
Waxy Corn Determination, (100 kernel endosperm test), per test, with inspection .....	8.00
Euric Acid Test, per test, with inspection .....	10.00
Stress Crack Test on Corn, with inspection	
Total Cracks, per test .....	10.00
Multiple Crack Count, per test .....	12.00
Factor determination, if requested in lieu of grade,.....	10.70
plus sampling fee if applicable.	

**UNIT SAMPLING FEES**

Railcars, Sample only, per car .....	19.44
Truck/trailer, Sample only, per carrier.....	7.50
Obtain extra sample at time or official sample, per sample .....	8.55
Furnish composite sample on per request .....	20.00

**Unit Laboratory Fees** If not part of inspection, sampling is extra.

Protein test, Wheat, as part of official inspection .....	5.20
Protein only, Wheat .....	5.70
Oil and Protein Test, Soybeans.....	7.20
Protein Retest, per request .....	7.20
Protein Reference Fee, per session .....	15.00
E-Z Screen (Indicates greater or less than 20 ppb) .....	10.20



**Unit Laboratory Fees Continue** If not part of inspection, sampling is extra.

Aflatoxin (Determines actual ppb) .....	30.20
Vomitoxin (Quantitative) .....	30.20
Combining sub-samples into composite sample .....	10.00
Control Cell Charge, per cell .....	6.00

Reference fee will be assessed, in addition to unit fee, when transport unit is necessary due to sample size being less than 500 grams.

A control cell charge (maximum of 5 cells) will be assessed, in addition to unit fee, for the Vomitoxin test if less than 3 tests are requested.

**UNIT WEIGHING FEES**

**CLASS X WEIGHING**

Railcars per car .....	\$11.15
Truck/trailer per carrier .....	6.95
Cargo* per 1,000 bushels rounded up to the nearest 1,000 per unit .....	3.25
Sack Weighing *(Per Metric Ton).....	95

\*Plus FGIS Supervision Fee per actual metric ton, unless grades are also requested on ships, not included.....0.011/MT

**CLASS Y WEIGHING**

Railcars per car .....	\$7.00
Truck/trailer per carrier .....	3.70
Cargo* per 1,000 bushels rounded up to the nearest 1,000 per unit.....	2.00

\*Plus FGIS Supervision Fees Per Metric Ton, unless grades are requested, not included \$0.011. Applied at standard rates for all carriers, except ships which are at per actual metric tons unless grades are also requested.



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**SERVICE CHARGES**

**STOWAGE EXMINATIONS**

Requiring certification, applicable hourly rate applies at loading site.  
Applicable hourly rate plus mileage at other than loading site.

At anchorage, transportation furnished, per request .....	95.00
At pier, per request .....	70.00
Minimum reexamination charge .....	63.00
Export divided original certificates, sets of 3 or less, per set .....	10.00
Duplicate or Corrected copies of certificates, each .....	3.25
(Requests for corrected certificates resulting from misinformation received from applicant.)	
Letterhead statements, each .....	\$10.00
Dual coded certificate distribution.....	0.70
Additional approved statements, per statement .....	2.25

**OTHER CHARGES**

Mileage .....	current IRS rate
Returned Checks .....	15.00
Postage, Special Handling, Etc. ....	Actual Cost

Service requests not covered by these fees will be performed at the applicable hourly rate stated herein unless the work is being performed under a separate contract. Time charges are assessed in quarter hour increments.

**PORTION SIZES**

As a reminder, the portion sizes necessary for inspection and lab work are as follow:

Full Grade	1,000 grams
Protein/Oil Analysis of Soybeans	800 grams
Protein Analysis of Wheat	600 grams
Official Aflatoxin (Barge/Sublot)	10 lbs
Official Aflatoxin (Truck)	2 lbs
Official Aflatoxin (Railcar)	3 lbs
Submitted Aflatoxin (Recommended)	10 lbs



**OFFICIAL COMMERCIAL INSPECTIONS**

Effective May 1, 1992, Official Commercial inspections are offered and are available on a unit fee for service basis or under a contract for service which would be negotiated, on a case by case basis, from our officially approved fee schedule.

**COMMERCIAL INSPECTION UNIT FEES**  
PLUS THE FGIS SUPERVISION FEES

**SAMPLING**

**Rail Car, per carrier**

Using 6' open throat probe .....	\$ 9.00
Using 10' official core probe.....	12.00
Stowage when requested .....	5.10

**Truck/Trailer, per carrier**

Using 6' open throat probe, core or gravity probe .....	4.90
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<b>INSPECTION, per unit .....</b>	<b>7.50</b>
File sample retained .....	1.00
Official certificate issued in lieu of results of Commercial Service work record .....	2.00
Reinspection of retained file sample .....	9.50

**PROTEIN, Official Method**

Protein only -Wheat .....	3.85
File sample retained (wheat) .....	.55
Oil and Protein Test, Soybeans .....	4.90
File sample retained (soybeans) .....	.70
Official certificate issued in lieu of results of Commercial Service work record .....	1.10

**ALL COMMERCIAL FEES MUST NOW INCLUDE FGIS SUPERVISION FEES AT THE FOLLOWING STANDARD TONNAGE RATES. Trucks/Submitted samples-19.39 MT, Containers-20.04 MT, Railcars-103.42 MT**

Any re-inspection requested will be on same basis as original work in regard to portion size, certificate issued, tonnage fee, etc.

Any commercial work requests that are not covered by either these fees or a separate contract may be quoted separately.



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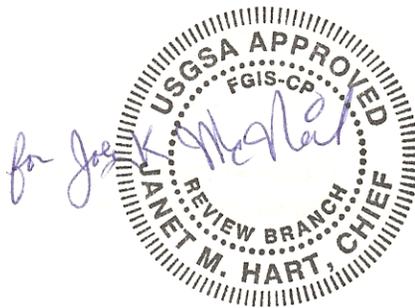
Laboratory services are available under the Commercial Inspection Service. There are no approved portions or work saving methods currently approved.

**THE FOLLOWING FGIS SUPERVISION FEES APPLY**

Railcars, weights or grades, per metric ton at a standard of 103.42 MT/sample.....\$0.011  
Truck/trailer, weights or grades, per metric ton at a standard of 19.39 MT/sample.....\$0.011  
Ships per metric ton for inspection or weighing, actual weight.....\$0.011  
Submitted sample per metric ton at a standard of 19.39 MT/ sample.....\$0.011  
Re-inspection see above rates

When a single certificate is issued for any unit only one supervision fee shall apply. When separate certificates are issued for any quality parameter, the tonnage fee will apply to each certificate.

Official Commercial services must include the appropriate supervision fee for the type of carrier services are performed for. All standardized rates, as listed above, apply to Official Commercial Inspections on a per unit basis.



**SERVICES NOT UNDER THE U .S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT**

Aflatoxin Screening (U .V. Light) .....	5.00
Malting Quality Test (24 hr germination), per test .....	3.75
Falling Numbers, per test .....	7.50
Sample bag deposit, per bag .....	2.25

Where requests are for less than the full service listed above and the customer needs no certificate and/or file sample retained, the unit prices for unofficial services may be adjusted accordingly.