

Effective October 1, 2008, the fee for PPB Audit, Survey, and Verification Programs that are not covered by other Fee Announcements will be \$92.00 per hour.

Examples of audits, surveys, or verifications not covered by other Fee Announcements include Plant Surveys, Food Defense System Surveys, Plant Systems Audits, Qualified Through Verification Audits, Domestic Origin Verification Audits, Warehouse Audits, and other developmental auditing or survey programs, e.g. National Honey Board Extracting Facility Survey.

The fee of \$92.00 per hour will be charged for:

1. Preparing for, and coordinating, the audit, survey, or verification;
2. Traveling from the area office or inspection point to and from the audit, survey, or verification;
3. Conducting the audit, survey, or verification;
4. Preparing the report; and
5. Reviewing of plans, plan changes, and labels.

In addition, services provided under the following conditions shall be charged as follows:

- * Holiday Pay Under Contract: An eight hour charge at the hourly rate shall be made for each inspector assigned. When work is performed, an additional hour at the hourly rate shall be charged for each hour worked.
- * Night Differential: Inspection services provided between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. shall be charged at the hourly rate plus 10 percent for each inspection hour.
- * Sunday Differential: Inspection services provided on Sunday shall be charged at the hourly rate plus 25 percent for each inspection hour.
- * Overtime: All overtime hours shall be charged at the hourly rate plus one-half the hourly rate per hour.

If audit, survey, or verification services are requested for locations outside the Continental United States (OCONUS), then actual travel costs will be charged in addition to the hourly fee.

The implementation of this fee is in accordance with Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, § 52.51, as amended.

Questions regarding this fee and related services should be directed to Chief, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington D.C. 20250-0247, telephone (202) 720-4693, fax (202) 690-1527.