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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:** 02/07/2025

**Regular Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. Time may be prorated when possible. All requests for service will be honored on a first call first service basis.

**Regular Hourly Rates:** (4-hour minimum applies unless stated otherwise)

**Barge Sampler: \$39.00 per hour**

**Sampler, Technician, Weigher, Other & Cancellation<sup>1</sup>:** \$33.00 per hour.

**Inspector Rate:** \$44.50 per hour.

To avoid charges, all services scheduled during regular hours must be canceled at least 6 hours before the start time. Failure to do so will result in a 4-hour minimum charge, calculated using the hourly rate specific to the service (e.g., barge cancellations will be charged at the Barge Sampler rate). Hourly rates are per person and billed in ¼-hour increments. For cancellations made during non-regular hours, the applicable minimum charge will apply.

**Overtime Hourly Rate:** 1 ½-time regular hourly rate applies to all hours outside the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday. Sunday and Holidays will be charged at double time. (4 hour minimum applies)

**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 the preceding Friday; those that fall on Sunday will be observed on the following Monday.

**Stand-by Rate:** Any stand-by time in excess of one hour will have an additional \$8.00 per hour added to the appropriate hourly rate.

**On-Call:** On-call charges will be applied for requests to hold personnel outside regular business hours. The elevator must establish a start time by 3:00 pm regular business hours. If work is not performed at an established



<sup>1</sup> Excluding Barge Sampling (see Barge Sampler Rate)

time there will be a 4-hour minimum charge, at the applicable hourly rate, for each employee that was held for that service.

**Mileage Fees:** Mileage will be assessed at a rate of less than or equal to the IRS standard mileage rate and will be prorated when possible. Mileage will be charged on all trips **per vehicle**.

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

**Sample Pick-up/delivery:** Applicant will be charged appropriate hourly rate and mileage. (Prorated where applicable).

**Finance Charge:** Invoice statements will be issued monthly, and payment is due upon receipt. Payments not received within thirty (30) days of the invoice statement date will incur a finance charge of 24% A.P.R. Overdue accounts in excess of ninety (90) days of the original invoice statement date will be escalated to NDGI upper management for enforcement action and official service will be suspended until the account is paid in full.

**Inclement Weather:** Sampling and stowage examination requests may be delayed, curtailed, or dismissed if the agency manager determines that weather conditions are creating a safety hazard for agency personnel.

**Safety Training Required by Applicant:** Applicants who require inspection staff to complete proprietary safety training as a prerequisite to working on-site will be billed for all related expenses associated with such training, including travel time, labor and mileage for each employee. It is required that additional training be performed at the applicant's site. NDGI provides comprehensive safety training at initial orientation.

**Personnel Safety:** It is the customer's responsibility to ensure the grain, commodity, or stowage area is safely accessible for NDGI personnel to perform services. This includes, but is not limited to, providing safe and secure access to work areas such as ladders, catwalks, or platforms equipped with proper fall protection when necessary. Hazards, such as unsecured equipment, tripping hazards, or excessive grain dust, must be addressed and removed prior to access. Adequate lighting should be provided to ensure clear visibility in all work areas, and any known risks or safety concerns must be communicated to NDGI personnel before work begins. Additionally, safe conditions must be maintained during inclement weather, including clearing pathways of ice, snow, or other obstructions that could pose risks.

**Proper Lighting:** Adequate lighting must be provided by the elevator when inspection services, such as stowage examinations, are requested before sunrise or after sunset, per FGIS instructions.

**Code of Conduct by Applicants:** NDGI & FGIS' policy is to promote a safe and equitable working environment. As a result, NDGI reserves the right to refuse on-site inspection service if inspection staff are subjected to behavior by elevator personnel that is deemed violent, threatening, harassing, intimidating, disruptive, unprofessional, or discriminatory in nature.

**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.



## OFFICIAL SERVICES

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

### Official Sampling and Grades:

**Minimum Fee(s):** Container, Rail & Truck sampling request must average a minimum of 2 units sampled per hour, otherwise an additional \$11.00 will be applied per hour. Time for averaging will be calculated from the NDGI office until they have returned back to the NDGI office.

Barge— per 1,000 Bu. Rounded up (Minimum rate <sup>2</sup> , plus hourly & mileage rate) .....	\$4.70
Rail per unit (plus hourly & mileage rate).....	\$21.00
Truck/Trailer/Bag (plus hourly & mileage rate) .....	\$15.75
Containers per unit (plus hourly & mileage rate) .....	\$21.75
Bag/Tote per 2000 pounds (min. \$40.00 per trip, plus hourly & mileage rate) .....	\$0.93

### Official Sampling:

Sample Only – Barge (plus hourly & mileage rate) .....	\$142.00
Sample Only – Rail, Truck, Container & Bag Lot (plus hourly & mileage rate) .....	\$16.50
(Sample only rates will be charged if request is canceled after sampling begins.)	
Double Probe: (In addition to original sampling fees) .....	\$10.50
12-foot Probe - Railcars: (In addition to original sampling fees).....	\$5.50

### Submits/Reinspections:

Submitted Sample (Includes grade) .....	\$13.00
Reinspection – basis new sample (same as original fee)	
Reinspection – basis file sample .....	\$13.00

### Additional Official Services/Charges:

Stowage Exam Only (plus hourly & mileage rate).....	\$11.25
Stowage Exam Only – Barge (plus hourly & mileage rate) .....	\$42.00
Stowage Exam Certification .....	\$5.75
Extra Factor Determination when requested .....	\$6.25
Soybeans of Other Color (SBOC) .....	\$3.25
NIRT – Protein test (wheat) .....	\$10.00
NIRT – Protein and/or Oil (soybeans) .....	\$10.00
NIRT – Protein, Oil & Starch (corn) .....	\$10.00
Vomitoxin (DON) Test .....	\$35.00
Aflatoxin Test .....	\$35.00
Fumonisin Test (Plus shipping to NDGI Wayne City, IL office) .....	\$36.00
Zearalenone Test (Plus shipping to NDGI Wayne City, IL office).....	\$36.00
Ochratoxin Test (Plus shipping to NDGI Ohio office) .....	\$40.00
Toxin Test Dilution (plus original test charge) .....	\$30.00
Composite Sample Preparation (per samples in composite).....	\$1.80
Composite Sample Preparation (per samples in composite if requested after grade).....	\$3.20
Corn – Total Stress Crack.....	\$15.00
Corn – Single, Double & Multiple Stress Crack.....	\$20.00
Corn - Waxy Corn Test.....	\$25.00
NMR Oil Test (Plus Shipping to NDGI   ND Office).....	\$25.00
Class X/Y Weighing per unit (plus hourly & mileage rate)....	\$6.50
Class X/Y Weighing Barge (per 1,000 Bu.) (plus hourly & mileage fees)....	\$1.90
Combined-Lot Certification (per certificate being combined) .....	\$6.50
Witness Fumigation.....	\$6.00



<sup>2</sup> Minimum rate at 50,000 bushels per barge

Canadian Thistle Inspection ..... \$6.00

### Administrative Services:

Duplicate or Correct certificate of applicant error..... \$3.65  
Special Handling Charge..... \$10.00  
Shipping of Samples, per Customer Request, will be charged at the rate OA incurred by shipping companies on top of special handling.  
921-2/Certificate Statements..... \$2.50  
\*\*\* Letterhead ..... \$8.00  
\*\*\* Administrative Fees: Applicable hourly rate.  
\*\*\* Document search or data entry will be charged an additional hourly rate in ¼ increments. (Does not include grade certificate entry.)

### Checktesting Charges/On-Site Lab Information:

Approval of DT Samplers & Checktesting \$65.00 per hour per person plus mileage and travel time at applicable rate. All customers are responsible for the charges of maintaining equipment.

Official on-site inspection and grading services are available to locations that provide a fully furnished and suitably equipped laboratory, including an adequate dust ventilation system. If an inspector is available, NDGI will provide one at the applicable rates. If inspection staff are not available to perform on-site grading or laboratory testing as requested, a Sampler will be dispatched to collect samples. These samples will then be transferred to the nearest NDGI Field Office for grading and/or testing at the earliest opportunity. NDGI works diligently to staff efficiently for requested personnel while maintaining adequate pricing. Service requests will be fulfilled as soon as possible, subject to the availability of official personnel. NDGI reserves the right to determine the number of personnel necessary to properly fulfill each service request, ensuring accurate and efficient service delivery.

### Sealing: (Hourly and mileage charges will apply when applicable.)

Plastic Seals (per seal).... \$1.45  
Cable Seals (per seal)..... \$2.40  
- A picture of every Railcar ID and each seal is taken and stored at NDGI for 30 days for cable seals.  
- An extra person will be sent out solely to take pictures and charged at the Additional Labor Rate if cable seals are needed.  
- It will be the responsibility of the applicant to notify NDGI when cable seals are needed.  
Certification – applicants request seal numbers recorded on certificate, per certificate ..... \$2.40

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

Official Commercial Inspection Services are available upon request. Official services not covered by the above fees will be charged at the appropriate hourly and mileage rate.



## SERVICES NOT PERFORMED UNDER THE USGSA

Grades (includes – Test Weight, Moisture, dockage and Damage) .....	\$13.00
(All grains not listed under the USGSA)	
Additional Factors to Grade .....	\$6.00
Submits.....	\$13.00
Sampling per Unit (plus sampler hourly & mileage fees) .....	\$18.00
Sampling per Unit – Barge (plus hourly & mileage fees) .....	\$140.00
NIRT/Protein Test .....	\$10.00
Falling Number (Single Drop + AMA Equations) .....	\$17.00
Falling Number (Double Drop + AMA Equations) .....	\$32.00
For AMA/Official Falling Numbers, please see NDGI's AMA Fee Schedule	
Aflatoxin (Non-Approved Grains).....	\$36.00
Vomitoxin (Non-Approved Grains).....	\$36.00
Fumonisin Test (Non-Approved Grains).....	\$36.00 + Shipping Charges to NDGI   Wayne City, IL Office
Zearalenone Test (Non-Approved Grains) .....	\$36.00 + Shipping Charges to NDGI   Wayne City, IL Office
Ochratoxin Test (Non-Approved Grains).....	\$40.00 + Shipping Charges to NDGI   OH Office
T2-HT2 .....	\$40.00 + Shipping Charges to NDGI   OH Office
Toxin Test Dilution (plus original test charge) .....	\$30.00
GMO Strip Test .....	\$20.00 + Shipping Charges to NDGI   ND Office
Seed Germination .....	\$18.50 + Shipping Charges to NDGI   ND Office
Seed Germination (48-hour quick germ) .....	\$18.50 + Shipping Charges to NDGI   ND Office
Seed per pound .....	\$18.00
Black Light Mold Test .....	\$7.50
Stowage Exam (plus hourly & mileage fees) .....	\$39.00
Weighing (plus hourly & mileage fees) .....	\$6.25
Weighing – Barge (per 1,000 Bu.) (plus hourly & mileage fees) .....	\$1.50
Composite Sample Preparation (per samples in composite).....	\$1.80
Composite Sample Preparation (per samples in composite if requested after grade) .....	\$3.20
Duplicate or Corrected Certificate .....	\$3.75
921-2/Certificate Statements.....	\$2.50
Special Handling .....	\$10.00

\*\* Reinspection on any service is the same charge as the original. \*\*

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For AMA Services, please see NDGI's AMA Fee Schedule.