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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 a 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:** February 24, 2025

**Regular Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST - Monday through Friday, except holidays

**Hourly Rates:** Rates assessed in 1/2-hour increments and will be in addition to the unit fees and fees performed on-site at the applicant's location unless stated otherwise.

**Technician and/or Sampler:** \$28.75 per hour

**Inspector:** \$34.75 per hour

**Additional Labor:** \$34.00 per hour

*Used for additional labor charges that are not included in other hourly rates. This may include, but not limited to, extra data entry work, additional labor beyond sampling on-site, etc.*

**Checktesting/Approval of Equipment/Samplers** \$57.50 per hour

**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 afternoon, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve afternoon. Holidays that fall on Saturday will be observed on the preceding Friday; those that fall on Sunday will be observed on the 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. All services during regular hours must be cancelled a minimum of 3 hours prior to the scheduled start otherwise the applicable minimum charge will apply. ANY cancellations for services during non-regular hours will have the applicable minimum charge applied.



**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**.

**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. Services not listed by this fee schedule will be charged at the appropriate hourly rate. Document search or data entry taking over 15 minutes will be charged an additional hourly rate in 1/2-hour increments.

**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.



## OFFICIAL SERVICES

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

### Official Sampling and Grades:

Rail <sup>1</sup> .....	\$19.75
Truck <sup>1</sup> .....	\$15.50
Barge— per 1,000 Bu. Rounded up .....	\$4.70
Container .....	\$21.75
Bag/Tote per 2000 pounds (min. \$18.50, plus hr. & mileage) .....	\$0.93
Canola Inspection (plus appropriate sampling fee) (Plus Shipping/Special Handling to Fargo Office) .....	\$15.00

### Official Sampling:

Probe only – Truck .....	\$14.00
Probe only – Rail .....	\$14.50
Sampling Only – (DT, Pelican, Ellis Cup, Bag, Rail, Truck, Container) .....	\$12.00
Sample Only – Barge .....	\$142.00
Double Probes (In addition to original sampling charge) .....	\$10.50
12 ft Probe-Rail (In addition to original sampling charge) .....	\$5.50

### Submits/Reinspections:

Submitted Grade <sub>1</sub> .....	\$12.00
Submitted Sample single factor <sub>1</sub> .....	\$8.25
Reinspection, basis new sample (same as original fee)	
Reinspection, basis file sample <sub>1</sub> .....	\$12.00

### Sealing Carriers:

#### Sealing: Plastic Seals

Per Seal, Additional Labor & hourly charges may apply .....	\$1.45
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#### Sealing: Cable Seals (1/16 inch)

Per Seal plus Additional Labor hourly charge (Recommended for Wheat and Barley Cars) .....	\$2.40
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See: BNSF Rules Book 6100-A / Item 2250D

- 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.

<b>Certification</b> – applicants request seal numbers recorded on certificate, per certificate .....	\$2.40
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**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.**



<sup>1</sup> Includes all grains except Canola. Canola samples are shipped to Fargo, ND and charged at NDGI ND Fee Schedule rates, + shipping.

## Part time Inspection and/or Sampling at Elevator Site

The elevator must provide office space, all equipment, and guarantee an average of 4 carriers per hour per loading time (guarantee excludes barges). (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 Services/Charges:

Stowage Exam Only.....	\$11.25
Stowage Exam Only (Barge)....	\$42.00
Insect Damaged Kernels on 100 Grams per applicant requests .....	\$5.75
Extra Factor determination when requested.....	\$3.50
Soybeans of Other Color .....	\$3.50
NMR Oil Test (Plus Shipping to NDGI   ND Office).....	\$25.00
NIRT Protein test (wheat/barley)....	\$10.00
NIRT Protein and/or Oil (soybeans)....	\$10.00
NIRT Protein, Oil and Starch (corn)....	\$10.00
Vomitoxin Test (DON).....	\$35.00
Aflatoxin Test .....	\$35.00
Fumonisin Test (in limited offices, call ahead) .....	\$36.00
Zearalenone Test (in limited offices, call ahead) .....	\$36.00
Ochratoxin Test (in limited offices, call ahead) .....	\$41.00
Toxin Test Dilution (plus original test charge).....	\$30.00
Corn - Total Stress Crack .....	\$15.00
Corn – Single, Double & Multiple Stress Crack .....	\$20.00
Corn – Waxy Corn Test.....	\$25.00
Composite Sample Preparation (per samples in composite) <sup>2</sup> .....	\$1.60
Composite Sample Preparation (per samples in composite if requested after grade) .....	\$3.00
Use of On-Site Equipment/Building Provided by NDGI per Carrier .....	\$2.00
Use of On-Site Equipment Provided by NDGI per Carrier .....	\$1.00
Class X Weights .....	\$5.25
Witness fumigation, per carrier .....	\$6.00
Canadian Thistle Inspection/Carrier.....	\$6.00
Stowage Exam Certification .....	\$6.00
921-2/Certification Statement Fee .....	\$2.50
Combined-Lot Certificate (per certificate being combined)....	\$6.00
Certificate – Duplicate or Corrected .....	\$2.50
Special Handling .....	\$7.50
Shipping samples, per customer request, will be charged at the rate OA incurred by shipping companies on top of special handling fee.	

Official Commercial Inspection services are available upon request.  
Official services not covered by the above fees are charged at the hourly rate.



<sup>2</sup> These fees will be a maximum quantity of the number of containers in a booking for that carrier. Separate charges will occur if extra tests that require compositing are requested and done after the originals.

## SERVICES NOT PERFORMED UNDER THE USGSA

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 (Plus Shipping to NDGI | ND Office)..... \$25.00  
NIRT/Protein Test..... \$10.50  
Phyto Request ..... \$7.50  
Insects..... \$3.50  
Vomitoxin (Non-Approved Grains)..... \$36.00  
Vomitoxin Test (DON Dilution) (plus original test charge) (Non-Approved Grains) ..... \$31.00  
Aflatoxin Test (Non-Approved Grains)..... \$36.00  
Fumonisin Test (Non-Approved Grains) (in limited offices, call ahead) ..... \$37.00  
Zearalenone Test (Non-Approved Grains) (in limited offices, call ahead) ..... \$37.00  
Ochratoxin Test (Non-Approved Grains) (in limited offices, call ahead) ..... \$42.00  
T2-HT2 (in limited offices, call ahead) ..... \$42.00  
Toxin Test Dilution (plus original test charge)..... \$30.00  
GMO strip test (Plus Shipping to NDGI | ND Office) ..... \$20.00  
Falling Number (Single Drop + AMA Equations) ..... \$16.50  
Falling Number (Double Drop + AMA Equations) ..... \$30.00

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

Seed Germination (Plus Shipping to NDGI | ND Office)..... \$18.50  
Seed Germination (48-hour quick germ) (Plus Shipping to NDGI | ND Office)..... \$18.50  
Seed Count per Pound/Ounce ..... \$18.50  
Black Light Mold Test ..... \$7.50

### Additional Charges:

Sampling Per Unit (Plus Sampler Hourly & Mileage) ..... \$12.00  
Sampling Per Unit Barge (Plus Sampler Hourly & Mileage) ..... \$140.00  
Duplicate & Corrected Certificate ..... \$2.50  
Certified Weights..... \$4.00  
Package Declaration Certificate ..... \$25.00  
Composite Sample Preparation (Per samples in composite)..... \$1.60  
Composite Sample Preparation (Per samples in composite if requested after grade) ..... \$3.00  
921-2/Certificate Statements ..... \$2.50  
Special Handling ..... \$7.50

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