

**D. R. Schaal Agency, Inc.**  
Federal Licensed Grain Inspectors

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**Grain Inspection Fees and Charges**

**Effective Date:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. The Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) must approve all fees for official services and Official Agencies (OAs) will assess only those fees appearing on their current approved fee schedule. State and local taxes will be added as required.

**Regular Hours:** Iowa Lab: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., New Jersey, Georgia and South Carolina Labs: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (first eight consecutive hours within regular business hour), Monday through Friday, except Holidays.

**Regular Hourly Rates:**

**Iowa:** Inspectors, Technicians, Samplers, Weighers, \$32.14 per hour per person necessary to perform the service. Time will be rounded up to the nearest half hour.

**New Jersey:** Inspectors, Technicians, Samplers, Weighers, \$55.04 per hour per person necessary to perform the service. Time will be rounded up to the nearest half hour.

**Georgia/South Carolina:** Inspectors, Technicians, Samplers, Weighers, \$42.31 per hour per person necessary to perform the service. Time will be rounded up to the nearest half hour.

**Onsite Lab Staffing- IA/MN:** In lieu of separate unit fees, on-site loaders will be assessed \$113.75 per person, per hour while onsite. Applicable hourly labor rates per person will also be assessed and are subject to overtime, Holiday/Sunday rates. Basis will include travel time and mileage.

**Overtime Hourly Rate:** One and one half regular hourly rate assessed in half hour increments in addition to unit fees, for work performed on Saturday and other than regular hours.

**Holiday / Sunday Hourly Rate:** Double regular hourly rate assessed in half hour increments in addition to unit fees. Holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and after 12:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The observance of holidays that fall on weekends will follow Federal protocol. All additional Federal holidays observed due to port service interruption.

**Call Charges:** Call out, on call (personnel are off site waiting to report for duty), or called back to work after dismissal may be assessed a minimum of 4 hours per person at the applicable hourly rate.

**Cancellation Charges:** If a start time is established outside of regular business hours and the customer cancels that day prior to the start time or after personnel are in route, a four-hour per person charge may be assessed.



**Standby / Travel time:** Assessed per individual at applicable hourly rates for delays at no fault of the agency.

**Mileage:** The Internal Revenue Service standard rate will be the maximum assessed per vehicle for all services performed basis service point's lab and prorated whenever possible. Any change to the mileage rate is possible when the IRS changes their standard mileage rate.

**Personnel Safety:** It is the applicant's responsibility to make the grain, commodity or stowage area safely accessible. Agency employees do not open or close doors or lids on railcars or shipping containers. There must be a minimum of two people at all times on top of railcars and in the immediate vicinity at facilities where services are being performed. This can be two Agency employees or one Agency employee and one customer employee. This is to 'render aid if needed' or to call for assistance.

**Weather Policy:** Agency will adhere to the following inclement weather policy: Sampling and stowage examination requests may be delayed, curtailed or dismissed when any of the following conditions exist: High winds, rainfall/snow that creates conditions that are dangerous to employee and/or facility specific conditions that could put employees providing services in jeopardy. Adequate lighting must be provided when onsite services are requested after sunset. Agency will abide by federal, state and local authorities in regard to voluntary and/or mandatory evacuations in the event of severe weather or other natural disasters.

**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.



**Official Inspection Services:** In addition to the following unit fees, labor, travel, standby time and mileage will be assessed for all services, unless noted.

Railcars, per car	\$23.16
Truck/trailer, per carrier	\$17.37
Containers, per container	\$21.64
Submitted Samples, per sample	\$14.15
Stowage Examination Only, per container *	\$9.01
Sampling Only, per unit *	\$15.43
Reinspection basis official file sample, per sample	\$14.15
Reinspection basis new sample	Same fee as original inspection
Factor Only, maximum two factors*	\$12.92
Factor Only, three or more factors*	Applicable full grade fee
Waxy Corn determination, per sample *	\$18.01
Stress Crack Analysis, per sample *	\$18.01
FGIS Official Weight Certificate, per unit, includes stowage fee*	\$15.74
FGIS Official Weight Certificate, per unit, Inbound*	\$7.08
Protein / Oil, per sample*	\$15.75
Mycotoxin Test, includes labor	\$45.00
Bags/Totes (per metric ton or fraction thereof)	\$5.00
Checktesting mechanical or D/T samplers and/or onsite lab equipment	\$73.48
Checkloading, Checkweighing, COFC (FSA), per lot	\$50.00
Witness fumigation, per carrier	\$7.40
Seed Sizing, per request	\$33.07

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Official Services not covered by the above fees will be charged at the appropriate hourly rate.  
 Official Commercial Inspections are offered and fees will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.  
 \*Services will be assessed the applicable FGIS tonnage fee when not done in conjunction with official grading.



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**Other services not covered under the United States Grain Standards Act:**

Certified weights, per unit .....	\$5.82
Mailing samples to industries, per sample .....	\$3.86 plus postage
GMO Test, per test .....	\$44.00 plus cost of test kit
Letterhead statement, per request .....	\$66.00
Combine sublots for further industry testing .....	\$14.00
Security Seals, Plastic, per seal .....	\$1.50
High Security Seals, per seal .....	\$2.50
Corrected/Duplicate Certificate, per certificate .....	\$5.00
Extra factor determination, upon request.....	\$5.00
Combined Lot Certificate, per lot.....	\$6.00

Additional Document recovery, data entry, and forwarding in excess of ¼ hour will be assessed local hourly rates.

Grain Grading Seminars may be negotiated. The cost will be \$150.00 per hour for each instructor, plus mileage and \$25.00 per attendee. Maximum four attendees per instructor.

Toll road charges will be charged back to applicants as they occur.

Other expenses not explicitly covered under USGSA approved fee schedule will be charged at applicable rate.

Per diem of \$70.00 plus \$250.00 hotel charge (or actual cost of hotel), per person for overnight assignments.

If Agency's shipping accounts is used for shipping, there will be a 10% markup added.

Surcharge for expedited turnaround request for results/documents. Request must be in writing, signed and sent by email. \$200.00 per request will be assessed. Phone requests will not be honored.

Onsite lab set up and consultation fee of \$200.00 per hour, per individual plus travel expenses and per diem.

A late fee of 1.5% month may be applied to all balances not paid or postmarked by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month following the invoice date. Minimum charge of \$10.00. Overdue accounts exceeding ninety (90) days will be subject to withholding official service and/or certificates.

Prices for services not covered under the Act are subject to change without notice.