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Dear Valued Customer:

2024/2025 Rates for AMS Services

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced the 2024/2025 rates it will charge for voluntary grading, inspection, certification, auditing, and laboratory services for a variety of agricultural commodities including meat and poultry, fruits and vegetables, eggs, dairy products, rice, cotton, and tobacco. The 2024/2025 regular, overtime, holiday, and laboratory services rates will be applied at the beginning of the crop year, fiscal year, or as required by law depending on the commodity.

The Federal Register notice that published on May 6, 2024, establishes the rates for user-funded programs based on costs incurred by AMS. This year, cost-based analyses indicated the need to increase user fee rates due to the current rates being insufficient to cover the costs of providing the service. While cost-saving measures have and will continue to be implemented, user fee rate increases are necessary to offset rising operational costs. In cases where current rates are sufficient to cover the costs of providing the service, user fee rates remain unchanged.

These new rates will be effective starting **October 1, 2024**.

If you have any questions regarding inspection, grading and certification, please email sciinspectionoperations@usda.gov for further assistance.

If you have any questions regarding auditing, please email scaudits@usda.gov for further assistance.

Sincerely,

Nathan O'Connor
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	Regular	Overtime	Holiday	Includes travel costs in rate	Start date
Specialty Crops Fees					
7 CFR Part 51—Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (Inspection, Certification, and Standards)					
Subpart A—Requirements; §§ 51.37-51.44 Schedule of Fees and Charges at Destination Markets; § 51.45 Schedule of Fees and Charges at Shipping Point Areas					
Quality and Condition Inspections for Whole Lots	\$254.00 per lot				Oct 1, 2024.
Quality and Condition Half Lot or Condition-Only Inspections for Whole Lots	\$210.00 per lot				Oct 1, 2024.
Condition—Half Lot	\$194.00 per lot				Oct 1, 2024.
Quality and Condition or Condition-Only Inspections for Additional Lots of the Same Product	\$116.00 per lot				Oct 1, 2024.
Dockside Inspections—Each package weighing <30 lbs	\$0.044 per pkg.				Oct 1, 2024.
Dockside Inspections—Each package weighing >30 lbs	\$0.068/pkg.				Oct 1, 2024.
Charge per Individual Product for Dockside Inspection	\$252.00/lot				Oct 1, 2024.
Charge per Each Additional Lot of the Same Product	\$116.00/lot				Oct 1, 2024.
Inspections for All Hourly Work	\$123.00	\$163.00	\$203.00		Oct 1, 2024.
Audit Services—Federal	\$163.00				Oct 1, 2024.
Audit Services—State	\$163.00				Oct 1, 2024.
GFSI Certification Fee ²	\$250.00/audit				Oct 1, 2024.