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GRADING/CERTIFICATION FEES – January 1, 2021

MDA/USDA SPECIALTY CROP INSPECTION AND AUDIT FEES

Non Contract Shipping Point Inspection Fees – \$43.00 per hour, with a three (3) hour minimum per trip to inspection site. Hourly overtime rate of \$48.00 for over eight (8) hours per day and for all hours worked on Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. Mileage at \$0.56 per mile

GAP/GHP Audits – Audit \$115.00 per hour including travel time, with a three (3) hour minimum per trip to audit site billed by MDA. Audit review and certificate issuance – USDA bills directly \$115.00 per hour. GFSI approved Harmonized Plus - USDA bills \$250.00 for GFSI certification fee.

Contract for Shipping Point – \$1,600.00 for 40 hours of service performed Monday through Friday with a minimum of eight (8) hours per day. Hourly overtime rate of \$44.00 if the grader works in excess of eight (8) hours per day and for all hours worked on Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. Four (4) hour minimum charged for work performed on Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. Mileage at \$0.56 per mile.

MDA/USDA MEAT GRADING

Meat Fee Grading – Fees as established by USDA/AMS LPS Quality Assessment Division. Non-Commitment Regular hourly rate - \$114.00. Overtime and prior to 6 a.m. hourly rate - \$132.00. Federal Holidays - \$154.00 per hour. Mileage at \$0.56 per mile. Actual cost of other travel expenses to provide service will be charged.

MDA/USDA POULTRY AND SHELL EGG GRADING AND AUDIT FEES

Contract for Resident Poultry /Shell Egg Grading – \$2,480.00 for 40 hours of service performed Monday through Friday with a minimum of eight (8) hours per day. Overtime rate of \$80.00 charged for over eight (8) hours per day and for all hours worked on noncontract scheduled Saturdays and Sundays. Four (4) hour minimum charged for work performed on noncontract scheduled Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. USDA/AMS administrative charges are included in the hourly rate.

Poultry/Shell Egg Fee Grading – Fees as established by USDA/AMS Quality Assessment Division. Regular hourly rate - \$99.00. Overtime hourly rate - \$122.00 for over eight (8) hours per day and all hours worked on Saturdays and Sundays. Federal Holidays - \$147.00 per hour. Mileage at \$0.56 per mile. Actual cost of other travel expenses to provide service will be charged.

Audits – Fees as established by USDA/AMS LPS Quality Assessment Division. Hourly rate is \$115.00 including travel time.

OTHER MDA CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Controlled Atmospheric Storage Inspection – \$40.00 per hour, including travel time, with a two (2) hour minimum. Mileage at \$0.56 per mile.

Maryland Egg Quality Assurance Program audits – \$42.00 per hour, including travel time, with a two (2) hour minimum. Mileage at \$0.56 per mile.

Organic Certification – Producers and handlers - \$500.00 annual fee (Non refundable after inspection). Exempt registration - \$30.00 annual fee.

USDA Designated Grain Inspection Agency

- **Contract per employee** – Regular - \$37.00 per hour, Overtime \$42.00 per hour and holiday hours worked \$74.00 per hour. Minimum of 40 hours per week.
- **Non contract per employee*** – Regular - \$42.00 per hour for sampling/weighing/grading including travel time. Overtime and holidays \$45.00 per hour. Mileage at \$0.56 per mile. Actual cost of other travel expenses to provide service. Actual cost of sample shipping and grading performed by another agency.
- **Submitted Samples** – Grade and factor - \$20.00. Mycotoxin test – additional \$30.00 per test. Actual cost of shipping and grading performed by another agency.
- **FGIS administrative fee when applicable** – \$0.050 per metric ton inspected and/or weighed.

*MDA reserves the right to assign additional non-contract personnel at the applicable non-contract rate.

Rabbit and Poultry Slaughter and Processing Certification – USDA/FSIS inspection exempt - \$75.00 annual fee.