



## 2023/2024 Rates for Specialty Crops Inspection Grading and Audit Services

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced the [2023/2024 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 2023/2024 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 22, 2023, establishes the rates for user-funded programs based on costs incurred by AMS, including for the services provided by the Specialty Crops Inspection (SCI) Division. This year, cost-based analyses indicated the need to increase user fee rates for SCI's grading and audit services. 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.

### 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 .....	\$242.00 per lot			.....	Oct 1, 2023.
Quality and Condition Half Lot or Condition-Only Inspections for Whole Lots.	\$200.00 per lot			.....	Oct 1, 2023.
Condition—Half Lot .....	\$185.00 per lot			.....	Oct 1, 2023.
Quality and Condition or Condition-Only Inspections for Additional Lots of the Same Product.	\$110.00 per lot			.....	Oct 1, 2023.
Dockside Inspections—Each package weighing <30 lbs .....	\$0.044 per pkg			.....	Oct 1, 2023.
Dockside Inspections—Each package weighing >30 lbs .....	\$0.068/pkg			.....	Oct 1, 2023.
Charge per Individual Product for Dockside Inspection .....	\$240.00/lot			.....	Oct 1, 2023.
Charge per Each Additional Lot of the Same Product .....	\$110.00/lot			.....	Oct 1, 2023.
Inspections for All Hourly Work .....	\$116.00 .....	\$153.00 .....	\$190.00 .....	.....	Oct 1, 2023.
Audit Services—Federal .....	\$155.00			.....	Oct 1, 2023.
Audit Services—State .....	\$155.00			.....	Oct 1, 2023.
GFSI Certification Fee <sup>2</sup> .....	\$250.00/audit			.....	Oct 1, 2023.
7 CFR Part 52—Processed Fruits and Vegetables, Processed Products Thereof, and Other Processed Food Products					
Subpart A—Requirements Governing Inspection and Certification; §§ 52.41–52.51 Fees and Charges					
Lot Inspections .....	\$90.00 .....	\$116.00 .....	\$142.00 .....	.....	Oct 1, 2023.
In-plant Inspections Under Annual Contract (year-round) .....	\$95.00 .....	\$117.00 .....	\$139.00 .....	.....	Oct 1, 2023.
Additional Graders (in-plant) or Less Than Year-Round .....	\$95.00 .....	\$121.00 .....	\$148.00 .....	.....	Oct 1, 2023.
Audit Services—Federal .....	\$155.00			.....	Oct 1, 2023.
Audit Services—State .....	\$155.00			.....	Oct 1, 2023.
GFSI Certification Fee <sup>2</sup> .....	\$250.00/audit			.....	Oct 1, 2023.

For more information, please contact [your local Specialty Crops Inspection Division office](#).