

State Grain Laboratory
821 North 17th Street
Great Falls, MT 59403

MONTANA STANDARD FEE SCHEDULE
General Provisions

Effective Date: The effective date of this rule is January 1st, 2024.

General Provisions: These General provisions applying to all sections of this rule are as follows:

Service Hours: Normal office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. All other hours and holidays will be considered overtime.

Sampling Hours: Sampling hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. An applicant must place service requests with the inspection office by 10:00 a.m. during regular hours for same day inspection/sampling service. All requests for sampling services to be performed outside of normal business hours must be received by 2:00 p.m. of the preceding business day. Sampling services requested to be performed outside of normal office hours, including holidays, will be charged overtime.

Regular Hourly Rate: The regular hourly rate for travel time and stand-by fee is \$60 per hour per individual assessed in half-hour intervals with a minimum of two hours charged.

Overtime and Holiday Hourly Rate: Overtime and holiday hourly rate is \$90.00 per hour per individual assessed in half-hour intervals. A minimum four-hour charge will be assessed except when before or for a continuation of a regular workday, then actual overtime hours will be charged.

Holidays: Holidays are as adopted in 1-1-216, MCA. (e.g., New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and State Election Day).

Mileage and Travel Fees: Mileage, travel time, and travel expenses are as follows:

Mileage Fee: Mileage charges shall be assessed per Title 2, chapter 18, part 5, MCA for state employees which is equal to the United States Internal Revenue Services (IRS) mileage allotment. Any change to the mileage rate is effective when the IRS changes their standard mileage rate. The mileage charges will be prorated where possible.

Hourly and Overtime Rate: For each trip requested, the applicant will be charged at the regular hourly rate, except when work is conducted while in overtime status or on holidays. Work conducted while in overtime status or on holidays will be charged at the overtime rate, prorated where possible.



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Travel Expenses: Travel expenses (as defined by Montana Operations Manual Travel Policy with Rates available [here](#)) including but not limited to per diem, lodging, and mileage will be assessed to the applicant in addition to other fees and charges.

Staffing: Montana State Grain Lab will determine the number of personnel to properly provide the service requested. To assure personnel safety, Montana State Grain Lab may suspend sampling services due to inclement weather conditions as well as sampling rail cars at night with insufficient lighting, or other potentially hazardous conditions.

Observation: In order to provide official services, Montana State Grain Lab must be physically able to observe elevator personnel sampling and/or sealing a railcar.

Miscellaneous Fees:

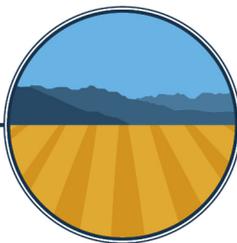
Postage: Actual postage or delivery service charges will be added to sampling and other fees.

Special Requests: Requests for services not covered by this rule will be performed at the applicable hourly rate stated herein plus mileage and travel charges, if applicable.

Payment of Fees and Charges: All department fees and charges for services rendered are due within thirty days of the statement date. Finance charges of \$30.00 per month shall accrue on any balance owed after thirty days of the statement date. If the department does not receive payment within thirty days: Services may be withheld until the delinquent account is paid; or cash payment for subsequent services may be required.

Retest/Reinspection: Will cost the same as the original test/inspection fees.

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Fees for laboratory services not performed under the USGSA or AMA: Commodities inspected under Montana Standards

General Provisions: General provisions applying to all sections of this rule are as follows:

Lot Inspection: Lot inspection sampling with grade for bulk, boxcar, hopper car or truck/trailer, per request, sampling and grade only:

Level One Sampling services fee when the state grain laboratory furnishes the sampling crew
..... \$30.00 per sample.

Level Two Sampling service fee when the state grain laboratory furnishes a licensed sampler to write identification tickets, supervise elevator employees while sampling, and seal samples for delivery to the state grain laboratory..... \$21.60 per sample.

Lot Reinspection based on file sample..... all regular fees assessed.

Sampling Only: Sampling only (does not include grade)- bulk, boxcar, hopper car or truck/trailer, per request, (all grains) \$18.00 per sample.

Additional Probes (in addition to original sampling charges) \$18.00 per sample.

Sealing: Metal Seals

DT or Probe per Seal; Additional Labor and hourly charges may apply..... \$3.00 per sample.
Supervise Elevator Personnel applying seals (recording seals on certificate)*...\$4.80 per unit.

*MT State Grain lab is not responsible for the seals after MT State Grain Lab personnel leave the applicants property. It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm that all seals have been applied by MT State Grain Lab to their satisfaction.

Stowage Examination: Stowage examination per unit..... \$9.60 per unit.

After First Hour:..... Hourly rate applies.



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Submitted Sample Inspection: Submitted sample inspection includes DKT (damaged kernels total) identified, FM (foreign material) identified, SHBN (shrunken and broken kernels), and DEF (total defects).

Submitted Sample submitted Montana specialty crop grades (unless specifically listed) per sample.
..... \$12.00 per sample.

Non-Official Single Factor Determination: \$8.40 per factor.

Additional: Additional statements, factors, or results as requested..... \$6.00 per factor.

Submitted Buckwheat Grades

Processed Buckwheat Sample \$16.80 per sample.

Field Run Buckwheat Sample \$18.00 per sample.

Hulless or Hulless Waxy Barley

Processed hulless or hulless waxy barley \$16.80 per sample.

Laboratory Analysis Fee:

Protein Test: non-official NIRT, (e.g., Khorasan) \$9.00 per sample.

Malting Barley Germination: Malting Barley: germination 72-hour blotter..... \$12.00 per determination.

Non-Official Falling Number: Falling number determination on commodities other than wheat
e.g., Khorasan..... \$21.60 per determination.

Mycotoxin: per quantitative analysis test..... \$60.00 per sample.

Composite Sample Preparation (per sample in composite) \$1.50 per sample.

Composite Sample Preparation (per sample, if requested after grade) \$3.30 per sample.

Return shipping and handling post grading: (not to exceed \$30/month) \$3.60 per sample.

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