



GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICES OF TEXAS

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GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICES OF TEXAS (GIST)

Official USGSA Services

1. General Information

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The Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) must approve all fees for official services offered by Official Agencies. GIST will assess only those fees appearing on the current approved fee schedule. State and local taxes will be added as required.

Regular Hours and Hourly Rates: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Holidays. All hourly charges will be assessed in quarter hour increments, per individual necessary to perform the services.

Technician / Weigher / Sampler: Regular rate of \$30.00 per hour.

Inspector: Regular rate of \$38.00 per hour.

Onsite Lab Staffing: Applicable hourly rate, per person, and is subject to Overtime and Holiday/Sunday rates (see below). Basis will include travel time, mileage, and unit fees.

Overtime Hourly Rate: One and a half-time of regular hourly rate, applied to all hours outside the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, assessed in quarter-hour increments in addition to unit fees.

Holiday / Sunday Hourly Rate: Double the regular hourly rate, assessed in quarter-hour increments, in addition to unit fees. Holidays are: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday After Thanksgiving, After 12:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and after 12:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

Callout Time / Cancellation charges: A minimum of 4 hours per person will be assessed at the applicable hourly rate when requests for service are withdrawn or in the event of request resulting in personnel returning to duty after dismissal.

Standby time: Assessed per individual at applicable hourly rates for applicant caused delays.

Travel time: Will be assessed from portal to portal, when traveling outside the city limits, at the applicable hourly rate per representative. Travel time will be prorated when more than one location is serviced on the same trip.

Mileage: Will be assessed from portal to portal, at equal to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Standard Rate for all services performed outside the city limits. Mileage will be prorated when possible. Any change to the mileage rate is possible when the IRS changes their standard mileage rate.





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Per Diem Expenses: \$60.00 per day per individual, plus actual lodging expenses, when required to stay overnight away from the main office location.

Personal Safety: It is the customer’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 always be a minimum of two people on top of rail cars 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 regarding voluntary and/or mandatory evacuations in the event of server weather or other natural disasters.

2. Official Services Fees Schedule

FGIS administrative fees are included when applicable. All sampling and onsite inspection unit fees below are in addition to applicable hourly rates, mileage and *per diem*.

SERVICE	UNIT FEE
Sampling and Grading	
Railcars, per car	\$22.00
Containers, per carrier	\$22.00
Truck/trailer, per carrier	\$22.00
Sampling Only, per unit	\$15.00
Reinspection, official file sample, per sample	\$15.00
Reinspection, new sample	\$22.00
Submitted Samples	
Submitted Samples, per sample	\$15.00
Factor only, maximum two factors	\$10.00
Factor only, three or more factors	\$15.00





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SERVICE	UNIT FEE
Additional Factors, Tests and Other Lab Services	
Insect-damaged kernels 100-gram basis, as required or requested	\$8.00
Stress crack analysis, per sample (Corn)	\$15.00
Waxy Corn determination, per sample	\$15.00
Protein/Oil, per sample (All applicable grains)	\$7.00
Dark, Hard, and Vitreous Kernels (Hard Red Winter Wheat)	\$15.00
Special requested factors that do not determine grade, per factor	\$3.00
Chemical Test (Bleaching) per sample	\$2.00
Mycotoxin Test, per sample, per toxin	\$35.00
Combining sub-samples into a composite sample	\$10.00
Supply composite sample, per request (plus mailing cost + 15%, if any)	\$20.00
Railcar, per car	\$ 7.00
Truck – Trailer - Container	\$ 4.00
FGIS Form 921-2 (Phytosanitary Certificate)	\$25.00
Copies of certificates, previously issued, per copy	\$2.00
Corrections, due to customer error	\$2.00
Each additional approved statement requested on certificate in addition to the grade requirement	\$3.00
FGIS Official Weight Certificate, per unit, includes stowage fee	\$13.00
FGIS Official Weight Certificate, per unit, Inbound	\$ 6.00
Onsite lab equipment check test, per hour	\$20.00
Check testing mechanical or D/T samplers and/or onsite lab equipment, Check loading, Check weighing COFC (FSA)	\$60.00
Stowage Examination Only, per container	\$10.00
Witness fumigation, per carrier	\$6.00
Security Seals, per seal	\$2.00

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.

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





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Contract Services: Other official commercial inspection services are available upon request. Official services not covered by the above fees will be charged at the appropriate hourly rate.



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