DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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2019 Rates Charged for AMS Services

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: On April 30, 2019, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) published a notice announcing the 2019 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, and cotton and tobacco. This document makes corrections to the overtime and holiday rates charged to grade specialty crops.

DATES: [Insert date one day after the date of publication in the Federal Register].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended,(AMA)(7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), provides for the collection of fees to cover costs of various inspection, grading, certification or auditing services covering many

agricultural commodities and products. On April 30, 2019, AMS

published a notice announcing the 2019 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, and cotton and tobacco. This document makes

corrections to the overtime and holiday rates charged to grade

specialty crops.

Federal Register Correction

Effective [Insert date one day after the date of publication in

the Federal Register], 2019, in notice document AMS-LP-19-0022,

at Vol. 84, No. 83 in the issue of April 30, 2019, on page

18234, the rates for specialty crops are corrected to read as

follows:

Specialty Crops Fees					

7 CFR Part 51 – Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (Inspection, Certification, and Standards)
    Subpart A-Regulations;
        §§51.37 - 51.44 Schedule of Fees and Charges at Destination Markets
        §51.45 Schedule of Fees and Charges at Shipping Point Areas					

	Regular	Overtime	Holiday	Includes Travel Costs in Rate	Start Date
Quality and Condition Inspections for Whole Lots	$210.00 per lot				Oct 1, 2019
Quality and Condition Half Lot or Condition-Only Inspections for Whole Lots	$174.00 per lot				Oct 1, 2019
Condition – Half Lot	$161.00 per lot				Oct 1, 2019
Quality and Condition or	$96.00 per lot				

	Regular	Overtime	Holiday	Includes Travel Costs in Rate	Start Date
Condition-Only Inspections for Additional Lots of the Same Product					Oct 1, 2019
Dockside Inspections – Each package weighing < 30 lbs.	$0.044 per pkg.				Oct 1, 2019
Dockside Inspections – Each package weighing > 30 lbs.	$0.068 per pkg.				Oct 1, 2019
Charge per Individual Product for Dockside Inspection	$210.00 per lot				Oct 1, 2019
Charge per Each Additional Lot of the Same Product	$96.00 per lot				Oct 1, 2019
Inspections for All Hourly Work	$93.00	$125.00	$157.00		Oct 1, 2019
Audit Services – Federal	$115.00				Oct 1, 2019
Audit Services – State	$115.00				Oct 1, 2019
GFSI Certification Fee	$250 per audit				Oct 1, 2019

7 CFR Part 52 – Processed Fruits and Vegetables, Processed Products Thereof, and Other Processed Food Products

Subpart – Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification;
§§52.41 - 52.51 Fees and Charges

	Regular	Overtime	Holiday	Includes Travel Costs in Rate	Start Date
Lot Inspections	$75.00	$104.00	$133.00		Oct 1, 2019
In-plant Inspections Under Annual Contract (year-round)	$75.00	$103.00	$130.00		Oct 1, 2019
Additional Graders (in-plant) or Less Than Year-Round	$85.00	$114.00	$142.00		Oct 1, 2019
Audit Services – Federal	$115.00				Oct 1, 2019
Audit Services – State	$115.00				Oct 1, 2019
GFSI Certification Fee	$250 per audit				Oct 1, 2019

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