**Section 230.80 Fee Charges for Requested Official Seed Sampling and for Seed Samples Submitted for Purity Analysis, Noxious Weed Test and Germination Test**

There are three tests: the purity analysis, which includes an Illinois noxious weed seed examination, the germination test, and the noxious weed seed test.

a) Samples for seed testing shall be tested in the order of receipt during the period between July 1 to June 30 of each year and charges made in accordance with the fee schedule established under Section 230.80.

b) Fee charges for each seed sample submitted for purity analysis shall be as follows:

1) $5.00 each for timothy, clovers, alfalfas, cereal grains, vetch, oil seed crops, such as soybeans, rape, sunflowers and such other oil seed crops, and sudangrass.

2) $6.00 each for redtop, bluegrasses, bentgrasses, smooth brome, ryegrass, fescues, and native grasses (see Section 230.150).

3) Seed Mixtures. The charge for seed mixtures (in which more than one kind of crop seed is present to the extent of 5% or more) is the total of the fee for the kind of crop seed in the mixture having the highest fee and 50% of the fees applicable to the other kinds in the mixture.

4) The charge for kinds not listed will be comparable to a similar kind.

5) The State Seed Laboratory shall not be obligated to analyze for purity and/or test for germination any uncleaned, unprocessed, and other time-consuming sample, or any sample which obviously does not meet State Seed Law requirements.

c) Fee charges for germination tests of seed shall be as follows:

1) $8.00 each for seed mixtures and native grasses (see Section 230.150).

2) $4.00 each for agricultural, vegetable and other seeds as defined in the Act.

d) Fee charges for a noxious weed seed test shall be $5.00 per sample.

e) Samples which do not indicate the test desired will be given both purity analysis and germination test and charged accordingly. Samples submitted for a noxious weed seed test will be given an Illinois noxious weed seed examination unless other states' noxious weed seed examinations are specified.

f) Additional test charges:

1) An additional charge of $15.00 will be made for each "Rush" test sample. When speed is important, a "Rush" order insures that tests are begun the day your sample arrives (except for weekends and holidays).

2) A purity analysis can usually be completed within a few hours unless a complex mixture of seeds is involved. A request for a phone report will be fulfilled. All telephone reports will be made "collect" to person requesting the tests.

g) Billing procedure and analysis invoice:

1) Billing procedure for testing fees. Persons submitting samples will receive a statement for services performed by the State Seed Laboratory at the end of each month.

2) Said seed analysis invoice will be mailed at the end of the month testing was completed. Fees are due and payable 30 days after receipt of invoice.

h) The State Seed Laboratory shall furnish a copy of the laboratory report on an Official Seed Sample to the person from whom the sample was obtained and to the wholesaler when the sample does not meet The Illinois Seed Law (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1987, ch. 5, pars. 401 et seq.) and/or Federal Seed Law (7 U.S.C.A. 1551 et seq. (1973 & West Supp. 1974-1987)) requirements. On Official Samples which do meet the requirements, a laboratory report shall be furnished only to the person from whom the sample was obtained.

i) If requests are made for additional copies of seed test reports on submitted seed samples, there shall be an additional charge of $5.00 per copy.

j) A fee of $25.00 per hour will be charged to persons who request an official sample to be obtained by the Department for purposes of analysis. The rate per hour will commence upon arrival of Department personnel and cease upon the departure of such personnel.

k) The Department will refuse service to persons whose unpaid accounts are 120 days or more past due.

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