

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FEE SURVEY

Estimated revenue from increased fee:

The Contra Costa County Department of Agriculture will receive an annual increase of about \$35,000 from these fees totaling about \$85,000 in funding. Most of the increase is due to reinstating the cost of conducting Certificate of Quarantine Compliance Certificates followed by the increased cost of supplies used and sold. The average hourly wage of an Inspector used in the calculations is \$90 an hour.

Cost per Transaction:

Each transaction takes about 5 minutes clerical time to process at an average of \$57.65 / Hour, totaling \$4.80 per transaction which was added to all of the costs.

Hourly Rate:

The Average Productive hourly rate for employees performing this work, including benefits, is \$94.18. We plan to charge \$90.00 an hour for the hourly rate on all programs that we have the authority and need to charge by time.

Apiary Registration:

The Apiary registration is now collected by CDFA and is being removed.

Certificate of Quarantine Compliance (CQC):

We used to charge for CQC work, but it was removed from the fee schedule in an attempt to switch over to State Phytosanitary Certificates around 2015. We were never able to fully move over to State Phytosanitary Certificates and recently our time issuing CQCs has gone up dramatically. The workload is causing a strain on resources, and we need to recoup some of the cost of this work.

Farmers Markets Inspections:

The Agriculture Department spends about 400 hours per year inspecting approximately 22 Farmers Markets and issues approximately 50 Certified Producers Certificates inspecting their growing grounds annually. It takes an average of 30 minutes to review and process a Farmer's Market Application. It takes an average of 15 minutes per producer's certificate plus 15 minutes to review the inspection with the market manager and about one (1) hour travel time to complete an inspection at the market. Most of the markets are on the weekend requiring overtime. The time spent issuing a Farmers Market Certificate takes on average 30 minutes, plus inspecting the growing grounds which takes about one (1) hour. At the new fee level the department will charge approximately \$4,500, plus the department receives up to \$13,923 from

a contract with CDFA for inspections, incurring a cost of over \$42,000 for inspection time and certification time. We feel the lower fees will not impact industry and allow us to continue to provide an essential service to this industry.

Frequency of inspection:	1-2 times per year
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Average Time to complete inspection 1-10 Certificates:	
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Average of 7 Certificates	3 Hours
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Total Cost of inspection:	\$270
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Average Time to complete 1 inspection 11-20 Certificates:	
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Average of 16 Certificates	5.25 Hours
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Total Cost of inspection:	\$472.50
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Average Time to complete 1 inspection 21+ Certificates:	
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Average of 26 Certificates	7.75 Hours
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Total Cost of inspection:	\$697.50
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Average Time to issue Farmers Market Certificate and inspect growing grounds:	1.5 Hours
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Total Cost of inspection:	\$135.00
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Ground Squirrel Control:

The Agriculture Department spends about 1,304 hours a year on the Ground Squirrel control program. We purchase bait for sale in the offices. The bait is purchased 2 tons at a time, we pick it up and need to break it down and unload the bait taking about 3 hours. We need to verify the people buying the bait are licensed and qualified to use the bait. We also need to go over the use of the bait with them to make sure it is used according to the label and the law. We also need to load the bait for the customer. This takes on average 15 minutes per sale. Bait Stations are made by Weed and Vertebrate Pest Control Specialists who have a lower hourly rate than licensed inspectors at \$27.32 per hour.

The surcharge for the bait is set by FAC 6027.5.

Diphacinone .01% 50 Pounds Purchase Cost	\$83.29
Labor, Eligibility Verification, training	.12 Hours
Total Cost	\$100.60

Diphacinone .005% 50 pounds Purchase Cost	\$76.50
Labor, Eligibility Verification, training	.12 Hours
Total Cost	\$92.10

Diphacinone .005% 10 pounds Purchase Cost	\$13.80
Labor, Eligibility Verification, training	.12 Hours
Total Cost	\$29.4
Placebo Purchase Cost	\$20.71
Labor, Eligibility Verification, training	.12 Hours
Total Cost	\$36.31
Gas Cartridges Purchase Cost (each)	\$3.55
Labor, Eligibility Verification, training	.01 Hours
Total Cost	\$4.45
Bait Stations Materials	\$18.73
Labor: Manufacturing @ 27.32/Hour	.16 Hours
Labor: Transportation, Eligibility Verification, training	.08 Hours
Total Cost	\$35.10

Pest Control Registration:

The Agriculture Department spends about 9,142 hours a year on the Pesticide Regulation program. About 1,182 hours of that are for Pest Control Business registration and headquarters inspections.

Pest Control Operator Registration	
Average Time to Verify License and process:	.75 Hours
Total Cost of registration:	\$72.30
Maintenance Gardener Registration	
Average Time to Verify License and process:	.75 Hours
Total Cost of registration:	\$72.30
Structural Pest Control Business Registration	
Average Time to Verify License and process:	.5 Hours
Total Cost of registration:	\$49.80
Structural Fumigation Pest Control Business Registration	
Average Time to Verify License and process:	.5 Hours
Total Cost of registration:	\$49.80
Pest Control Advisor Registration	
Average Time to Verify License and process:	.25 Hours
Total Cost of registration:	\$27.30

Pest Control Pilot Registration

Average Time to Verify License and process: .25 Hours

Total Cost of registration: \$27.30

Farm Labor Contractor Registration

Average Time to Verify License and process: .5 Hours

Total Cost of registration: \$49.80