

**TULARE COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND
MEASURES PROPOSED FEES
FY 2021**

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PHYTOSANITARY INSPECTIONS

(REQUIRED FOR MOST STATE, FEDERAL, AND EXPORT SHIPMENTS)

Type	Count	Cost	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Inc./Dec.
Regular	19,042	\$51	\$55	\$51	8% Dec.
High Intensity	12,824	\$89	\$80	\$89	10% Inc.

- The noted increases and decreases will result in a **\$39,248 increase** in net cost recovery

PHYTOSANITARY HOURLY INSPECTIONS

(REQUIRED FOR MOST STATE, FEDERAL, AND EXPORT SHIPMENTS)

Type	Hours	Cost	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Inc./Dec.
Field and Seed	2369.5	\$55	\$50	\$55	10% Inc.

Hourly Inspections for phytosanitary certification (cull cuts, field walks...)

- The noted increase will result in a **\$11,847.50 increase** in net cost recovery

HOURLY INSPECTIONS

MISCELLANEOUS

Type	Hours	Cost	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Inc./Dec.
Other Services		\$51.5	\$46	\$51.5	12% Inc.

Upon request (voluntary HLB sampling of nursery stock...) (WAHR)

Nursery (NEW!)		\$51.5		\$51.5	
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Industrial Hemp Weighted Average Hourly Rate (WAHR) Effective 4/28/2020

- The noted increases will result in a zero Net County Cost (absolute cost recovery for hourly services provided).

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTIONS

Type	Count	Cost	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Inc./Dec.
Electric sub-meter	276	\$5	\$2	\$3	33% Inc.
Vapor sub-meter	240	\$14	\$2	\$4	100% Inc.
EVSE (NEW)				\$20	

ES meters are capped by law at \$3 per device, VSM's are capped at \$4 per device.

Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) is used to test commercial vehicle chargers.

- The noted increases will result in a \$756 increase in cost recovery.

CONTACTED THE FOLLOWING FOR RESPONSE

- 192 postcards were sent out, to every entity that has recently applied for a phytosanitary certification or submitted a registration for an Electrical sub-meter or Vapor sub-meter with our Department. These are the bulk of the packing/marketing facilities throughout Tulare County and mobile home establishments for the devices. The Tulare County Farm Bureau was included as well.
- 17 enquires were made asking for a copy of the proposed fees and zero(0) additional comment were asked/given. The Commissioner and/or the Assistant spoke directly with 25 individuals at a Farm Bureau meeting. And many more at a Tulare City Government Affairs meeting. There were no questions, beyond simple clarification.

NEIGHBORING COUNTY COMPARISONS

- Fresno, Kings, and Kern counties all charged a WAHR with a couple charging a certificate fee also, between \$18.50 and \$40.00. Tulare is asking to charge a set fee of \$51/Regular and \$89/High Intensity Inspection/certification. For comparison, our High Intensity Inspections average 1.75 hours and we plan to charge \$89.00. Our neighbor to the north would charge \$160.00 for the same inspection.
- All hourly charges are based on the individual county's pay level. We use Productive rates that include overhead, benefits, and accrual costs.
- Weights and Measures fees are all capped by State Law.
- New fees for Hemp and EVSE are based on a WAHR for cost recover purposes. Same in other counties but in relation to their own pay levels.

QUESTIONS?

Thank you!