



# FEE SCHEDULE

## APPLICATION FEE

HFAC charges a \$75 Application Fee for Operations submitting an application for Initial Certification. Operators must also pay an Application Fee of \$75 each time they submit their Application for Renewal of Certification in order to cover administrative costs associated with processing the application.

## INSPECTION FEES

An Operation's Inspection Fee covers the cost of one full inspection per year. Follow-up inspections in the same year will only be conducted if a problem is identified which required further on-site investigation. Operations requiring follow-up inspections will be charged the regular inspection fee to cover the cost of the inspector's time as well as the actual costs (travel, food, lodging) incurred by HFAC to conduct the inspection.

**Farm Inspections:** The HFAC fee for conducting inspections of a farm is \$600/day/Inspector.

**Shared inspection fees:** Producers in close geographic proximity may split the cost of inspection fees if inspections are scheduled so that the inspector can visit the operations during one trip. In this case, the fee paid by each farm or ranch is calculated by multiplying the daily inspection fee by the number of days required to complete all of the inspections, divided by the number of farmers and/or ranchers participating in the shared inspection.

**Processor, Product Manufacturing Operations (PMO), Pooled Product Operators (PPO), Slaughter and Handling Facility:** The HFAC fee for conducting inspections of a Product Manufacturing Operation (PMO), Pooled Product Operator (PPO), Processor, or Slaughter Facility is \$700/day/facility/inspector.

**Subsidized inspection fees for small operations:** Because HFAC receives contributions from the public and humane organizations, some funding may be available for subsidization of inspection fees for small operations, as defined in the chart below.

Size of Operations Eligible for Subsidized Inspection Fees	
Species covered by the certification application	Number of animals being certified is not greater than:
Beef Cattle	50 head
Broilers	100 head
Dairy	30 head
Goats	50 head
Layers	100 head
Pigs	50 head
Sheep	70 head
Turkeys	70 head
Young Dairy Beef	30 head

After successfully passing its Initial Review of the application for certification, an eligible operation may request funds to fully or partially cover its inspection fee. The request is made by submission, to the HFAC office, of a written statement of the reasons that the operation is unable to afford to pay the normal inspection fee.

The Executive Director of HFAC will review the information, determine whether the operation fits the eligibility requirements, and make the decision on whether the subsidy will be granted. Inspection subsidy funds are allocated on a first come, first served basis. If a farm is eligible for this program, the inspection will be scheduled only when an HFAC inspector is in the area of the vicinity of the farm.

## CERTIFICATION FEES

HFAC certification fees are based on the amount of product processed and the number of animals or products from those animals sold because they are certified, not because there is a label on a package. The amount of the certification fees is specified in the *Certification Mark License Agreement* and the fee chart below:

CERTIFICATION FEES		
<b>Cattle</b>	0 – 25,000 animals	\$1.05/head
	25,001 – 50,000 animals	\$0.78/head
	50,001 – 75,000 animals	\$0.58/head
	75,001 – 100,000 animals	\$0.43/head
	100,001 – 200,000 animals	\$0.33/head
	200,001 – 300,000 animals	\$0.18/head
	300,001 – 400,000 animals	\$0.13/head
<b>Pigs</b>	0 – 35,000 animals	\$0.53/pig
	35,001 – 65,000 animals	\$0.43/ pig
	65,001 – 100,000 animals	\$0.33/ pig
	100,001 – 200,000 animals	\$0.23/ pig
	>200,000 animals	\$0.13/ pig
<b>Dairy Cows</b>	Hundredweight of milk	\$0.015 (1/10 <sup>th</sup> cent/gallon)
<b>Goats</b>	For milk	\$0.008/gallon
	For meat	\$0.23/head
<b>Laying Hens</b>	Case of 30 dozen eggs	\$0.05
<b>Broiler Chickens</b>	1 – 6,000,000 birds	\$0.0028/lb
	6,000,001 – 15,000,000 birds	\$0.002/bird
	15,000,001 – 30,000,000 birds	\$0.0015/bird
	>30,000,000 birds	\$0.0012/bird
<b>Sheep/Lamb</b>	Per head	\$0.23
<b>Turkeys</b>	Per pound	\$0.0028
<b>Young Dairy Beef</b>	Per head	\$0.55

## PAYMENT OF CERTIFICATION FEES

Certified operations must pay certification fees to HFAC on a monthly basis. At the discretion of the Executive Director, small operations may pre-arrange quarterly payments.

Because PMOs must purchase products that are already certified, the certification fees are already paid by the producers and the benefit is increased sales of their products. The only cost to a PMO is the inspection fees.

## DELINQUENT CERTIFICATION FEES

If a certified operator fails to pay certification fees in a timely manner, the Executive Director contacts the certified operation to arrange a written payment schedule. If the operator does not cooperate in development of the payment schedule and/or paying fees in a timely manner, certification will be suspended.