

**United States Department of Agriculture**

Marketing and Regulatory Programs  
 Agricultural Marketing Service  
 Livestock and Seed Program  
 Grading and Verification Division

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**APPLICATION FOR COMMITMENT GRADING OR VERIFICATION SERVICE**

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**Agreement Terms:**

1. The provisions of the "Regulations of the Department of Agriculture governing the grading and certification of meats, prepared meats, and meat products" (7CFR Part 54, Subpart A, as amended), shall be applicable to this application and the signers thereof.
2. The applicant shall pay for the following:
  - a. For 8 hours per day, Monday through Friday, of the grader's time excluding 8 hours on Federal legal holidays on which no work is performed, at the hourly rate prescribed in Section 54.27, "Fees and other charges for service," as amended (or portion thereof, if more than one applicant). At any time that the services of the official grader are not required by the applicant(s), he/she may be utilized elsewhere for the performance of Federal grading and certification service. Credits for service so performed elsewhere (Monday through Friday) will be allowed to the applicant(s) (or prorated to the applicant(s) to cover their unused hours) so long as allowable credit hours plus hours actually worked for the applicant(s) do not exceed 8 hours per day, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal legal holidays.
  - b. For hours worked in excess of 8 hours per day Monday through Friday (or portions of 8 hours if more than one applicant) and all hours worked on Saturday or Sunday, except Federal legal holidays, at the rate prescribed in Section 54.27, as amended.
  - c. For work performed on Federal legal holidays at the rate prescribed in Section 54.27, as amended.
  - d. The costs for transportation, mileage and per diem incurred by the grader in performing grading or certification at the applicant's request in accordance with Section 54.27, as amended.
  - e. To the Agricultural Marketing Service, within 7 days after the receipt of the billing covering any period, the sums due in accordance with paragraphs a, b, c and d.
3. The United States Department of Agriculture shall not be responsible for damages accruing to the applicant(s) through any acts of commission or omission on the part of any of its official graders.
4. The services to be rendered under this commitment may be denied or withdrawn at any time in accordance with Section 54.11, "Denial or withdrawal of service," as amended.
5. (Any of) the applicant(s) may terminate the application at his/her (their) discretion, effective at close of business on any Saturday, by giving written notice thereof to the Grading and Verification Division, 13952 Denver West Parkway, Building. 53, Suite 350, Lakewood, CO 80401, at least 7 days prior to such Saturday.

**Email Address:**

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Signature of Approving Official and Title	Date Signed

**Continuation Sheet – Application for Commitment Grading or Verification Service**

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**General Comments or Special Provisions**