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Dear Senator Den Hartog,

Below are the two rule change summaries for the Idaho Department of Agriculture Bureau of Labs.

**02-06-01 Rules Governing the Pure Seed Law. This docket updates the list of Seed Lab services.**

**This is a Fee Rule.**

IDAPA 02.06.01 lists the different services and fees for seed testing and was last updated in 2006. Based on customer demands, the services offered by the lab have changed since this rule was last updated. Currently, for any test requested that is not listed on our current fee schedule, customers are charged based on our "Miscellaneous Fees" rate of \$40.00/hour. To provide clarity to our customers on services and prices, we propose updating this list of services.

We are not increasing prices for services that are currently offered; however, we are charging for newly listed services which make this a fee rule.

The precise changes to our fee schedule are:

1. We no longer offer an "Ammonia" test. (Identifies Specific Fescue Species – >10 years ago since we last conducted)
2. Added "Certified Grains" test. (This is an enhanced category of purity created by the Idaho Crop Improvement. It requires the lab to test 1000-2000 grams of seed vs 500 grams of seed)
3. Added "Ergot Check" test. (Fungal check that causes a nodule growth on the side of the seed. >10 years ago since we last conducted).
4. Deleted the "Cut" test. (>15 years ago since we last conducted)
5. Deleted "Foreign Material" test (Applies to F&F lab enforcement samples not a Seed Lab test)
6. Deleted "Grading (beans)" test (>10 years ago since we last conducted)
7. Changed "Hay Pellet" test to "Noxious Weed Germination (Compost/Mulch)" test. (same test but a more accurate description)
8. Added "Round-Up-Ready" test on Alfalfa, Canola and Corn. (Only became available about 10 years ago, so we need to add it to our list)
9. Added "Sand Germination" (New request from customers. This test includes a vigor test plus germination)

10. Changed “Pest, Disease, Soil & Ergot Check” to “Soil Exam”. (Pest and Disease testing is conducted by the Plant Pathology Lab. A better description of what the Seed Lab does is a “Soil Exam”. For example, looking for foreign material in compost)
11. We no longer charge a fee to fax results. (most records are electronic now, faxing is not relevant)
12. We no longer charge to make copies. (most records are electronic now, copying is not relevant)
13. We no longer charge to make revisions to test results. (most records are electronic now, supplying a revised test result is not complicated)

**02-04-29 Rules Governing Trichomoniasis. (Update incorporation by reference) This docket updates a reference to the official Idaho “Protocol for *Trichomonas fetus* Diagnosis in Cattle.**

This is an Incorporation by Reference change.

IDAPA 02.04.29.330-01 states “Official laboratories shall operate in accordance with the official Idaho “Protocol for *Trichomonas foetus* Diagnosis in Cattle”. The ISDA-Animal Health Lab has updated this protocol for *Trichomonas foetus* testing. Since this procedure is incorporated by reference, it should be updated.

The revised procedure includes additional details and options for veterinarians to collect and transport samples to the laboratory, allowing veterinarians to utilize more cost effective ways to submit *Trichomonas foetus* samples to the lab for testing. The revision also eliminates redundant and repetitive information. For example, out of date scientific terms like quantitative real-time PCR is now simply PCR.