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Dear Applicants:

At the beginning of the New Year, Cal Agri requested approval from USDA/AMS/FGIS for a 4% increase in AMA fees for services to reflect the rising costs of operations based on CPI. On February 1, 2024 the FGIS Compliance Division approved the new fee schedule.

Also, it should be noted that USDA/AMS/FGIS assesses a Commodity Cooperative Agreement Fee and/or AMA Rice Cooperative Agreement Fee on all AMA services provided by Cal-Agri. Previously, this cost was imbedded in the published fee schedule unit fees. Due to an FGIS policy change (FGIS Directive 9180.74 Service Fees and Billing Codes) these fees will no longer be included in the new fee schedule unit fees. Invoices for services will identify the assessed Commodity Cooperative Agreement Fee and/or AMA Rice Cooperative Agreement fee as a separate line item. Currently the rate is also 4%.

(a) Commodity Cooperative Service Agreement Fees. In addition to all other applicable fees, commodity cooperative service agreement fees for commodity inspection services (pulses, hops, and miscellaneous processed commodities), excluding rice, will be assessed at the current percentage rate identified in FGIS Directive 9180.74 (Service Fees and Billing Codes, Attachment 4.) The assessed fees must exclude travel, mailing expenses, and state and local taxes. Invoices will identify assessed commodity cooperative service agreement fees as separate line items.

(b) AMA Rice Cooperative Service Agreement Fees. In addition to all other applicable fees, AMA rice cooperative service agreement fees for rice inspection services will be assessed at the current percentage rate identified in FGIS Directive 9180.74 (Service Fees and Billing Codes, Attachment 3.) The assessed fees must exclude travel, mailing expenses, and state and local taxes. Invoices will identify assessed AMA rice cooperative service agreement fees as separate line items.

We greatly appreciate all the industry support we have received and look forward to continuing to provide the reliable and high-quality services. Please contact us if there are any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Vikash Anand
President / Official Agency Manager