



Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Explanation of Inspection Fees

Effective 2 January 2024

Fees for inspection of plants and plant products are authorized by Michigan’s Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act, Public Act 189 of 1931. The Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development may adjust inspection fees by not more than an amount determined by the State Treasurer to reflect the cumulative annual percentage change in the Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint Consumer Price Index over the previous fiscal year (beginning October 1 and ending September 30 of the next year). Fee adjustments are subject to approval by the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development and shall not exceed 5% per year. Current inspection fees are listed below.

Inspection Type	Basis of Fee
Nursery Grower Inspection	\$65 for the first acre; \$39 for each subsequent acre. Usually, no mileage or driving time fees.
Nursery Dealer Inspection	\$71 per hour of inspection time*. Usually, no mileage or driving time fees.
Christmas Tree Inspection	\$71 per hour of inspection time* and driving time plus mileage at the State’s current Standard Rate**.
Export Inspection	\$71 per hour of inspection time* and driving time plus mileage at the State’s current Standard Rate**. USDA also levies a processing fee of \$6 per phytosanitary certificate issued.
Import Inspection	\$71 per hour of inspection time* and driving time plus mileage at the State’s current Standard Rate**.
Special Inspections Not Listed Above	\$71 per hour of inspection time* and driving time plus mileage at the State’s current Standard Rate**.

*Inspection time includes time spent in preparation for the inspection, examining plants or plant products, setting up and taking down equipment, writing inspection documents, and discussing the inspection with the firm.

** The State’s current Standard Rate can be found at <https://www.michigan.gov/dtmb/-/media/Project/Websites/dtmb/Services/Travel/Travel-Rates---January-2023.pdf?rev=df2a13a8dad246cfb96caf3edbacf565&hash=434BC1AA487C84CD49C0C42317FAAAE5>

or at www.michigan.gov/dtmb →Services →Travel. Then select “Travel Rates and High Cost Cities...” for the most recent date listed.

For more information on nursery grower, nursery dealer, and special inspections contact:

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Concerns about inspection fees may be expressed to the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development at:

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