



Sonoma County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures

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## Sonoma County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures

### Proposed Fee Changes

Effective July 1, 2026

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors are conducting consolidated fee hearings on March 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 575 Administration Drive in Santa Rosa. The Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures is proposing fee increases for the Agriculture, Land Stewardship, and Weights & Measures divisions.

To determine FY 2026-27 fees, the Department developed and utilized a method consistent with previous fee studies to calculate costs to provide services. The Department is requesting, on average, a three percent increase in fees for FY 2026-27 to cover the increases as determined by the internal departmental fee analysis. Where the three percent increase does not reach full cost recovery, the Department will implement a phased approach of three percent increases over the next three to five years.

The proposed fee schedule is attached. Should the Board of Supervisors adopt these proposed fees, they would become effective July 1, 2026.

The attached list only includes fees that are being changed. If a fee you are seeking isn't listed, please view our website by visiting <https://sonomacounty.gov/natural-resources/agriculture-weights-and-measures> or by using the QR code with your phone.



**Sonoma County  
Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures  
FY 2026-27 Fee Change Schedule**

**Agriculture Division**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Effective 7/01/2026</u>
<b>Hourly Rate - ¼ hour minimum</b>	\$ 269	\$ 251
<b>Direct Marketing</b>		
Certified Producer's Certificate	\$ 83	\$ 86
Certified Producer's Certificate Amendment	\$ 43	\$ 45
Certified Farmers' Market Application/Certificate	\$ 119	\$ 123
<b>Farm Labor Contract</b>		
Farm Labor Contractor Registration	\$ 46	\$ 48
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>		
Hazardous Materials Range 6	\$ 238	\$ 245
Hazardous Materials Range 7	\$ 390	\$ 402
Hazardous Waste (<325 gals waste/year)	\$ 227	\$ 233
Hazardous Waste (>325 gals waste/year)	\$ 312	\$ 321
Technology Fee	\$ 13	\$ 58
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Grower Workshop: Pre-Registration	\$ 20	\$ 21
Grower Workshop: At the Door	\$ 27	\$ 28
<b>Pest Control Operators</b>		
Pest Control Operator Registration	\$ 99	\$ 102
<b>Phytosanitary Certificate/ Certificate of Quarantine Compliance</b>		
State Phyto Certificate - Individual	\$ 20	\$ 20
State Phyto Certificate (Individual) – in Santa Rosa Office	\$ 10	\$ 11
State Phyto Certificate (additional cert for the same visit)	\$ 14	\$ 15

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Effective 7/01/2026</u>
<b>Phytosanitary Certificate/ Certificate of Quarantine Compliance, continued</b>		
State Phyto Certificate (additional cert for the same visit) – in Santa Rosa Office	\$ 7	\$ 7
Federal Phyto Certificate (Individual)	\$ 73	\$ 75
Federal Phyto Certificate (Individual) – in Santa Rosa Office	\$ 36	\$ 37
Certificate of Quarantine Compliance (Individual)	\$ 20	\$ 20
Certificate of Quarantine Compliance (Individual) – in Santa Rosa Office	\$ 10	\$ 11
Certificate of Quarantine Compliance (additional cert for the same visit)	\$ 14	\$ 15
Certificate of Quarantine Compliance (additional cert for the same visit) – in Santa Rosa Office	\$ 7	\$ 7
<b>Cannabis</b>		
Cottage Outdoor	\$ 2,238	\$ 2,305
Specialty Outdoor	\$ 2,238	\$ 2,305
Small Outdoor	\$ 3,064	\$ 3,156
Renewals (billed at hourly rate) <sup>1</sup>	\$ 269	\$ 251
Monitoring – Indoor/Mixed Light Cultivation, Indoor Nursery <sup>2</sup>	\$ 805	\$ 830
Monitoring – Outdoor Cultivation: Cottage and Specialty <sup>2</sup>	\$ 805	\$ 830
Monitoring – Outdoor Cultivation: Small/Medium <sup>2</sup>	\$ 1,074	\$ 1,107
<sup>1</sup> Cannabis Monitoring fee charged in addition to hourly rate		
<sup>2</sup> Cannabis Monitoring fee charged annually for multi-tenant and multi-year sits		
<b>Hemp</b>		
Registration	\$ 1,205	\$ 1,003

**Land Stewardship Division**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Effective 7/01/2026</u>
<b>Hourly Rate - ¼ hour minimum</b>	\$ 349	\$ 351
<b>Frost Protection Ordinance</b>		
Frost Protection	\$ 105	\$ 108
<b>VESCO Level I – No Grading or Drainage</b>		
<10 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,294	\$ 1,332
10 - <50 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$ 2,444	\$ 2,518
50 - <100 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$ 3,171	\$ 3,267
>100 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$ 4,086	\$ 4,209
<b>VESCO Level I – With Grading or Drainage</b>		
<10 acres <sup>2</sup>	\$ 1,899	\$ 1,956
10 - <50 acres <sup>2</sup>	\$ 3,039	\$ 3,130
50 - <100 acres <sup>2</sup>	\$ 3,854	\$ 3,970
>100 acres <sup>2</sup>	\$ 4,914	\$ 5,062
<b>VESCO Level II – No Grading or Drainage</b>		
<10 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$ 8,055	\$ 8,296
10 < 50 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$ 9,041	\$ 9,313
50 < 100 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$ 10,402	\$ 10,714
>100 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$ 11,841	\$ 12,196
<b>VESCO Level II – With Grading or Drainage</b>		
<10 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$ 7,905	\$ 8,142
10 < 50 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$ 11,724	\$ 12,076
50 < 100 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$ 13,636	\$ 14,045
> 100 acres <sup>4</sup> Level II	\$ 14,276	\$ 14,704
<b>VESCO Level II w/Tree Removal – No Grading or Drainage</b>		
<10 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$ 7,977	\$ 8,217
10 < 50 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$ 11,117	\$ 11,450
50 < 100 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$ 12,162	\$ 12,527
> 100 acres <sup>3</sup>	\$ 12,395	\$ 12,767

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<b>VESCO Level II w/Tree Removal – With Grading or Drainage</b>		
<10 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$ 9,870	\$ 10,167
< 50 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$ 10,199	\$ 10,505
50 - <100 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$ 13,426	\$ 13,829
>100 acres <sup>4</sup>	\$ 16,487	\$ 16,982
<b>VESCO Grading and/or Drainage Only</b>		
<10 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,402	\$ 1,444
10 - <50 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,583	\$ 1,631
50 - <100 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,851	\$ 1,906
>100 acres <sup>1</sup>	\$ 2,122	\$ 2,185

<sup>1</sup> Includes 1 plan review and 1 site visit

<sup>2</sup> Includes 1 plan review and 2 site visits

<sup>3</sup> Includes 2 plan reviews and 2 site visits

<sup>4</sup> Includes 2 plan reviews and 3 site visits

**Accela Automation**

Technology Fee	\$ 18	\$ 42
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**Weights & Measures Division**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Effective 7/01/2026</u>
<b>Hourly Rate - ¼ hour minimum</b>	\$ 272	\$ 220
<b>Automated Point of Sale</b>		
1 - 3 Point of Sale Scanners	\$ 272	\$ 280
4 - 9 Point of Sale Scanners	\$ 472	\$ 486
10 or greater	\$ 650	\$ 669