Project User Fee Schedule
ISU Ag Engineering/Agronomy Farm

On approval of the Agronomy Farm Oversight Committee and Mike Owen, chair, the Ag Engineering Farm Committee, Mark Hanna, chair, and Central Iowa Farms, the fees for use of land and facilities at the Ag Engineering/Agronomy (AEA) Farm and associated properties have been set, effective January 2004 and updated in 2010 and 2013. The fee schedule for crops (agronomic) is as follows:

1. $100/acre/year including alleys, borders, etc.
2. Studies that result in major yield reduction or saleable crop and are very labor intensive will be charged for yield reduction.
3. Minimum fee for any study is $125/year.
4. Grain and soil samples will require an additional fee per sample negotiated in advance.
5. All costs beyond normal operation will be charged to the project. Normal is defined as typical tillage, cultivation, and harvest.
6. Fees are assessed each year in the fall for projects in progress.
7. Corn nurseries and isolation plots are $300/acre (revised in 2009).

Special considerations – a) very large or very long-term studies will pay a negotiated fee, and b) studies excluded from the User Fee Schedule are soil moisture survey, insect traps, weather stations, and demonstration plantings.

Waivers – Fee waivers are available in cases where funds are not available. The farm superintendent, coordinator of the farms, and project leader’s supervisor must sign a waiver form. In-kind payments may be accepted in lieu of dollar payments at the discretion of the farm superintendent.

All fees are on a per site/farm basis. All projects led by private companies are billed at 4X rate.

The AEA Farm has dryers for use. The fee is $3.00/cart/day. Coolers at the AEA Farm can be used for $600/year or $50/month. Fees for the pallet dryer are $25/pallet box per day. Contact Mike Fiscus 515-296-4082 for scheduling.

These fees will be used to offset the costs at the farm including inputs, utilities, maintenance, and replacement.

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Updated 2010
Updated 2013