Project User Fee Schedule
Outlying Research and Demonstration Farms

1. Crops (Agronomic)
   - $62/acre/year including alleys, borders, etc.
   - Studies that result in a major yield, a major reduction in the saleable crop, or are very labor intensive will be charged $110/acre/year. This would include organic studies.
   - Minimum fee for any study is $125/year.
   - Grain and soil samples will require an additional fee per sample negotiated in advance.
   - All costs beyond “normal” operations will be charged to the project.
   - Normal is defined as typical tillage, cultivation, harvest and yield data collection.
   - Fees are assessed each year in July–August for projects in progress.
   - Crop destruction (no saleable crop) will be billed at 4X rate of $250/acre/year.

2. Livestock
   - Small projects < 10 head $250/trial
   - Medium projects 11–150 head $1,125/trial
   - Large projects > 150–999 head $2,375/trial
   - Extra Large projects > 1,000 head $6,125/trial
   - All costs beyond “normal” operations will be charged to the project.
   - Normal is defined as typical feeding, breeding, marketing, and weighing.
   - Fees are assessed annually during July–August for projects in progress and those completed in the prior year.

3. Crops (Horticultural)
   - Minimum fee $125/year.
   - $110/acre per year including alleys and borders.
   - All costs beyond “normal” operations will be charged to the project.
   - Normal is defined as typical tillage, cultivation, harvest, and yield data collection.
   - High Tunnel use is $625/year.
   - Fees are assessed each year in July–August for projects in progress.

4. Forestry
   - $125 minimum.
   - $62/acre per year.
   - All costs beyond “normal” operations will be charged to the project.
   - Fees are assessed each year in July–August for projects in progress.

5. All Other Project Topics
   - Minimum fee is $150/year.
   - Very large or very long-term studies will pay a negotiated fee.

6. Exclusions
   - Studies excluded from this 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. A waiver form must be signed by the farm superintendent, coordinator of farms, and the project leader’s supervisor. 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.